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Burglar, 28 jailed after police chase

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A BURGLAR was caught when the Smart car he stole from a house in Ely landed in a ditch in a dramatic police chase.

Zachary Smith, 28, left the Adolf family traumatised after he broke into their home in Allen Road.

But he was caught after the Smart car triggered an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera which led to the chase.

Lino Adolf, 40, and his wife Mara, 35, returned home to find their house had been trashed.

A camera, laptop, handbag, watches and jewellery were stolen as well as the car.

And Mr Adolf, who is a dental technician in Ely, said his daughters Savannah, 6, and Caitlan, 10, are now frightened.

He told *Ely News*: "We came back from friends and noticed the Smart car wasn't there.

"We walked into the kitchen and it was trashed. It was awful.

"Even now my daughters are



JAILED: Zachary Smith, 28

scared someone is going to break in and take them away, especially my younger daughter.

"We have to deal with it on a daily basis. It may take a long time to get over.

"It is a good thing he was caught and won't be hurting anyone for a while. The police were great and treated us very well."

The burglary happened between 8pm and 11pm on April 4.

In the early hours of the next

day, Lincolnshire Police received an ANPR activation and an unmarked police car followed Smith who failed to stop, nearly flipped over and ended up in a ditch.

He tried to run away but was arrested. His stolen haul was on the front seat.

Smith, of Cranwell Road, Nottingham, was also disturbed trying to raid a house in Henley Way, Ely, on the same day.

He was jailed for two years and given a year's driving ban on Monday after pleading guilty to charges of attempted burglary, burglary, driving whilst disqualified, no insurance and car theft.

Det Con Paul Symonds said: "Smith did everything he could to avoid being caught and denied his involvement during his interview.

"This is a great example of police work at its finest and it was thanks to the ANPR activation as well as the pursuit by the officer in Nottingham.

"The stolen property has been returned to the victims and Smith is behind bars."



Look, I'm an Easter egg!

SIX-year-old Oliver Seale was full of smiles as he had his face painted during Easter activities at Kids Club Ely. And there was plenty more going on for little ones too.

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Chocolate eggs galore at Burrows!

CHOCOLATE eggs are up for grabs at a popular bookshop in Ely.

Burrows Bookshop, in High Street Passage, is running its annual Easter egg hunt all this week. All families have to do is visit the shop, find the eggs which are hidden amongst the shelves, spot the secret Easter words and hey presto – they have won themselves an egg!

The fun-filled egg hunt is running until Saturday and the shop is open from 9am-5pm.

Simply pop in or call (01353) 669759 for more information.

CHOCOLATE EGGS: Organisers Susan Harrison and Annabel Reddick

Another solar farm in pipeline

ANOTHER mammoth solar farm could be on its way to the village of Stretham.

Bosses at F.C. Palmer and Sons, based at Stowbridge Farm, in Green End, are planning to build a new 81-acre solar farm on their land.

Less than 18 months after they secured planning permission to build an 80-acre solar farm on land west of Cross Drove, which is part of their 2,058-acre estate, they now want to erect a similar number of solar panels on a parcel of land to the south of the village centre.

The farm has submitted a screening opinion on the development to East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The screening opinion will see planners telling the developers what supporting evidence they want if and when a formal planning application is submitted, such as environmental/archaeological surveys or the extent of local consultation required.

In a statement to the council,

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the applicants said the solar farm would produce 20 megawatts of energy – enough to power more than 5,000 homes.

They said: "Each panel will be mounted on a fixed frame, which will be elevated approximately 0.5m above ground.

"This is to minimise impact on the land and allow for the continued agricultural use for crop growing.

"The site would have appropriate drainage, with hard standing only at the point of access/egress to the site.

"Once operational the site will require limited maintenance."

They added: "The construc-

tion and operation of the scheme will cause negligible environmental impact and will not produce pollutants once in operation."

The application comes just weeks after plans to erect 1,000 solar panels at Frog's Abbey in nearby Coveney were approved.

Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate for South East

Cambridgeshire, Huw Jones, has raised concerns about the increasing number of solar farms being built in the Ely area.

He insists solar farms would be better suited to "less productive marginal" land rather than "prime agricultural" land.

The final decision on the screening opinion lies with the council.

Visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk to have your say.

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Enjoy a guided tour around Ely this Easter

GET some fresh air this Bank Holiday Weekend – and learn more about Ely's history.

The city's tourist information centre has organised a series of guided tours for the whole family to enjoy.

On Saturday there will be an Ely Monastic Walk, on Sunday there is an Ely Tales Walk and on Monday people can take

part in the ever-popular Ely Heritage Eel Walk.

Aileen Sharp, tourism development officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "We have organised a number of our guided walks so people can see some of the hidden treasures of Ely as well as find out more about some of our his-

toric buildings.

"As always, there is a lot to do on a visit to Ely and we look forward to welcoming many visitors to our wonderful city this Easter."

All three walks leave Oliver Cromwell House, in St Mary's Street, at 11.30am. For more information, including prices, call (01353) 662062.



HAPPY TIMES: Children's drop-in sessions have all been a huge hit with youngsters. Above: Evelyn Priestley, 8, and Olivia Price, 7, had their faces painted at Ely St Johns Community Rooms. Above right: having fun at Ely Cathedral. Right: Brushing up on acting skills at the PlayRight Youth Theatre workshop



What a cracking Easter Holiday littles ones are having!

STORYTELLING, brass rubbing and arts and crafts galore have been helping to ensure youngsters don't get bored during the Easter break.

Tourist attractions and organisations across the Ely area have held a whole host of egg-citing children's activities.

Ely Cathedral hosted its ever-popular holiday drop-in sessions where little ones were able to enjoy

storytelling, brass rubbing, puzzles and arts and crafts.

The cathedral also held an exciting 'undercover bear trail' which proved a hit with the youngsters.

For more information about children's events at the cathedral, call (01353) 659668.

The St Johns Community Rooms were also a hive of activity thanks to the Kids Club Ely.

There were cooking sessions, sports activities, games, crafts, face painting and the ever-popular Easter egg hunt for the young ones to enjoy.

For information about Kids Club Ely, visit www.kidsclubely.co.uk.

Young thespians used their time off school as the perfect opportunity to perfect their acting skills as PlayRight Youth Theatre Ely held a three-day Easter holiday drama

workshop.

Held at the Ely Cathedral Centre, budding actors were able to work with professional directors on scripts and learn about improvisation.

The workshop culminated with a performance in front of family and friends.

Visit the website: www.playrighttheatre.co.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Motorcyclist injured in Stretham

A MOTORCYCLIST was injured in a crash with a car on Monday.

The collision happened just after 12.30pm in Cambridge Road, Stretham, and emergency services, including the air ambulance, attended.

A man in his 40s suffered shoulder and chest injuries and was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital by land ambulance. His injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

Plans for new property in Soham

A NEW home could be built on land in Soham.

Colin Eley, of Gimbert Road, has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build a new dwelling adjacent to his home.

A decision is expected within eight weeks. Visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk to have your say.

Charity quiz night at Kings Arms

A QUIZ night will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and The Firefighters Charity.

The Kings Arms, in St Mary's Street, Ely, is hosting the fundraising quiz on Tuesday, April 22 at 8pm.

The cost is £5 per person, which includes supper, and places need to be booked in advance by popping into the pub or calling (01353) 656828.

Farm to boast new potato store

A FARM in Haddenham could soon boast a new potato store.

Bosses at Dennis (Haddenham) Ltd, based in Hillrow Causeway, want to build a 456 square-metre new potato store and have applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission.

A decision is expected within eight weeks. To view the plans, go to www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

New retail park plan submitted

PLANS to build a new out-of-town retail development in Ely have been submitted – despite the applicants being told a special assessment should be carried out first.

Bosses at Cambridge Property Group submitted a screening opinion to develop around 10 hectares of land in Downham Road – the site currently occupied by the Ely Outdoor Sports Association – to East Cambridgeshire District Council last month.

The proposals involve building a new supermarket, petrol filling station, retail warehousing and a pub/restaurant.

Giles Hughes, head of planning at the council, has concerns over the proposals and has asked that the firm carries out an environmental impact assessment before submitting any planning

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application.

However, the company has pressed ahead with its plans and an application has now been submitted.

The firm says its proposals will tie in with Turnstone (Ely) Ltd's intentions to build a new leisure development on land adjacent to Ely Rugby Club, also in Downham Road. Their plans involve building a six-screen cinema, eight new restaurants and an underpass at the A10.

Cambridge Property Group also says its plans will rival the Octagon Park proposals for Angel Drove and that Tesco could be persuaded to relocate to Downham Road instead.

A spokesman said: "Our proposals deliver a wide range of benefits for communities

across Ely and for its economy.

"With the superstore designed only to accommodate Tesco's relocation from the station into larger premises, it will be able to provide that retailers' full offer, but locally.

"As this is an alternative to the Octagon Park proposals, the council has already accepted there will be no significant adverse effects on the Ely's centre.

"Our proposals complement the council's partner Turnstone's cinema proposals on adjoining land and can only add to that scheme's footfall helping make it more viable and attractive."

The firm says it will submit a separate planning application for the relocation of the current on-site sports facilities soon.

Man, 20, charged with causing death by dangerous driving

A 20-YEAR-OLD man charged with causing the death of a motorcyclist will have his case heard at crown court.

Conor Gosling, 20, of Beauchamp Close, Eaton Socon, appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on Friday

charged with causing death by dangerous driving.

The charge is in relation to the death of Anthony Pinney, 68, of Isleham Road, Fordham, who died on August 4 last year when his Honda 125cc motorbike was in collision with a

black Fiat Punto at the A142 junction with Northfield Road, Soham.

No indication of plea was entered and the case was sent to Cambridge Crown Court for a preliminary hearing today (April 17).

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Marking 100 years since First World War

THE centenary of the First World War was the theme of Ely City Military Band's spring concert this year.

Around 200 people packed inside Ely College's hall for the band's annual 'Tea 'n' Tunes' afternoon concert on Sunday.

Songs and tunes from the period were chosen to mark the war's 100th year anniversary and visitors were able to enjoy plenty of cake and refreshments. Malcolm Fletcher, the band's secretary, said: "Our spring concert sells out every year but there was something extra special about this year's."

"The atmosphere was absolutely fantastic. The audience sang their hearts out and really joined in. We'd like to thank everyone for their support."

For more information about the band, call (01353) 663324.



SPRING CONCERT: Around 200 people attended the concert

Work starts on heritage centre

AMBITIOUS plans to open a quirky heritage centre in Littleport are gathering pace.

Work on transforming the former JH Adams and Sons ironmongers, in Main Street, into the 'Adams Heritage Centre Littleport' is now under way.

A board of trustees has been formed to oversee the revamp and the plan is for the centre to open its doors later this year.

Deborah Curtis, a spokeswoman for the project, said: "The heritage centre will become Littleport's principal venue for a wide range of exhibitions and displays. The exhibitions will highlight a variety of aspects of the town's history."

"Residents and visitors can also look forward to special events and talks on a range of fascinating Fenland history and heritage subjects."

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"There will be a range of specialist local history books for sale, as well as exhibitions of Fenland arts and crafts. The premises will also be an information point for local and regional events of interest."

JH Adams and Sons closed its doors in 2010 after being in the town for more than 100 years.

Not long after it shut the Family Adams Project was then launched to catalogue, record and archive the history of the premises and its owners.

The project's creator was Jean Rees and after months of research involving members of the whole community, a community archive and scale model of the shop was produced, both of which will take pride of place in the heritage

centre.

The landmark premises were donated by local benefactor, Peter Audus, who has also carried out major renovations to its interior.

Another Heritage Lottery Funded production from the town's Field Theatre Group includes a community film called 'The Horseman's Word'.

The shop will be transformed into an old saddler's shop for the shoot, and filming is due to start at the end of the month.

The centre will also be open in time for Littleport's Festival Fourteen this autumn. Festival Fourteen is a series of special commemorative events to mark the centenary of the First World War.

For more information about the project, search 'Adams Heritage Centre Littleport' on Facebook.

Fireman James, 28, joins Ely's on-call crew

A NEW firefighter has joined the crews in Ely.

28-year-old James Lambert is one of six new on-call firefighters now out and about helping to save lives in Cambridgeshire.

James has joined the on-call crew in Ely and is fitting firefighting around his full time job as a shift performance

manager at the British Sugar factory, in Wislington.

He also enjoys playing and watching football, shooting and taking part in numerous other sports.

The on-call firefighters are trained professionals who respond to emergencies in their communities alongside their day-to-day lives.

They may be at home, work or out and about when they receive a pager alert and straight away they must jump into action and get ready to deal with any incident.

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Sponsor a balloon to raise funds for Scouts

BIODEGRADABLE balloons will be released to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in the Ely area.

Ely District Scouts will hold a balloon release in the grounds of Ely Cathedral at around 2.45pm on Sunday, April 27 to celebrate the centenary – and everyone is invited.

A total of 500 biodegradable balloons will be released, one for each Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer Scout in the area. The balloons will carry a tag asking whoever finds them to visit the Ely Scouts website and log where the balloon was found.

The Scouts are also offering anyone wishing to sponsor a balloon the chance to win £50 for the one which travels the furthest by June 7. Sponsorship costs £1.50, the proceeds of which will go towards sending a group of Scouts on a trip to Austria this summer.

Tickets can be purchased from Roly's Fudge Pantry or Simply Flowers, both in Ely, or from The Anchor at Little Downham. Alternatively you can visit www.elydistrictscouts.co.uk.



CRAZY CRAFTS: More than 40 youngsters attended the first session at Little Downham Village Hall

New messy play group proves a big hit with little 'uns

SLIMY spaghetti worms and cardboard caterpillars proved popular with youngsters in Little Downham.

Childminder Helen Silvester has launched a new Crazy Crafts messy play group in the village. The first session was held on Thursday. More than 40 children

attended the session at the village hall, in Main Street, and learned more about minibeasts through numerous activities, including painting, sticking, modelling and messy trays.

Mum-of-two Mrs Silvester decided to set up the group after seeing a gap in the market when Ely-based

Sticky Kids stopped recently. She said: "It's something I knew was really popular and that Little Downham was lacking."

"A lot of parents don't like to have messy play in their own homes but the children love it!"

"We provide aprons and children wash their hands at

the end. The best part is I clean up all the mess."

Crazy Crafts will be held at the village hall every Thursday from 10-11am and the cost is £3.50 per child, and £3 for additional siblings.

Call (01353) 699976 or search 'Crazy Crafts' on Facebook for information.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Perfect your moves at village hall

DANCE the afternoon away in Witchford on Sunday.

Stuart Burr is hosting a ballroom and sequence dance at the village hall, in Bedwell Hey Lane, from 2-5pm. Admission is £4.

Evening of live music in Soham

POPULAR local band The Lonely will entertain the crowds in Soham.

They are performing at Soham Town Football Club, in Julius Martin Lane, on Saturday, April 26 at 8pm. Tickets, priced £6 for non-members, are available on the door.

Cash boost for village pre-school

A VILLAGE pre-school is more than £100 better off.

Littleport Lions Club held a craft fair in Prickwillow earlier this month and £144 was raised. The money is being donated to Stepping Stones Pre-school in Littleport to put towards purchasing a new sensory bus.

BBQ in town pub's new garden

A BARBECUE is being held in Soham on Saturday to celebrate the refurbishment of a pub beer garden.

The fun kicks off at the Carpenters Arms, in Brook Street, at 2pm. All are welcome, although dogs are not permitted. A disco is being held at the pub on Friday at 8pm.

Plans for new home in city street

A NEW bungalow could be built in Ely.

Mr and Mrs D Mynott, of Uperheds Lane, have applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build a bungalow on land adjacent to their home.

A decision is expected within eight weeks. Visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk to have your say.

Villagers object to houses plan

PLANS to build 128 new homes on the outskirts of Ely are proving as controversial as proposals to build another 100 properties approximately five miles away.

Dozens of letters of objections have been submitted in relation to Gladman Developments' plans to develop land north of Field End, Witchford, in a matter of weeks.

The Cheshire-based company also wants to build 100 new homes on land south of number 18 Wilburton Road, Haddenham.

But like people in Haddenham, residents in Witchford insist their village cannot cope with such a large number of new properties.

Sandy Forrest, of nearby Granary End, said: "There is no capacity in the village pre-school, primary school and senior school, nor the local

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clubs for additional children.

"There is also insufficient play space in the village and the shop and post office would not be sufficient for the increased size of the village."

"Witchford prides itself on being a small and friendly community. If we wanted to live in a warren of a massing housing estate we would have moved to Ely."

Sharon Mann, of Victoria Green, has echoed Mrs Forrest's concerns and is also worried about road safety.

She said: "I live opposite the proposed site and we already have a problem with traffic using the estate as a cut through to the village."

"If this number of houses are built we can assume the number of cars using the roads on the estate will increase by 128

at least. Surely this doesn't fit with the framework travel plan?"

Cllr Pauline Wilson has called for the application to be put before the council's planning committee.

She said: "Witchford has one small shop which is a post office, there is no doctors surgery and the school and college are full to capacity."

"The exit is out onto the road leading up to the junction of the A142, an already very busy road which cannot cope with more traffic travelling along it."

"Villages can cope with a few extra houses perhaps 10 to 20, but 128 houses is ridiculous as we do not have the infrastructure for such a large housing development."

The final decision on both applications lies with the district council. To have your say, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

Test your head for heights at fundraising abseil

A CHARITY abseil is being held at Ely College next month to raise money for the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.

People aged 14 and

over are urged to take part in the fundraising stunt on Sunday, May 18.

The abseil is taking place down the school's Needham's

Tower, which is approximately 60ft tall. It is due to be bulldozed as part of a major refurbishment of the college.

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Let's just get on with it

WHY English Heritage has to get involved and put a spanner in the works is beyond me. I know that they do a good job in saving parts of England from ruin, but to stop the Southern bypass would cause more pollution and ruin to our lovely city.

I've been sat in a queue for over 20 minutes a time with a 40 ton truck, and a mini bus along with other vehicles waiting to drive over the rail crossing, wasting time and money, more often than not.

An under pass will not work as it would flood and as far as spoiling the view of the Cathedral, for where the bypass will be you can only see the Lantern because of the trees and buildings around it, the best views are from the Stuntney hill or Queen Adelaide side of the river. I fully back anyone who is for the Southern bypass. Let's get on with it.

R Daniels

Thank goodness for the Dean

THANK goodness for the Dean. Why do people who do not live in the area, know what is best for us? Yes the view from Stuntney is magnificent but Ely is so congested and will be more so when they upgrade the railway and a lot of time is lost by lorry companies sitting at the railway crossing now. As for deepening the underpass, it already floods and they will have to run a pump permanently to stop it flooding all the while, and cost a great deal of money to stop the river flooding into it. We need the bypass.

Kathleen Garwood

Stick with it; approve the plans

I WRITE in response to Diana Donalds' letter of 10th April. The reason that so much vitriol has been directed at English Heritage about the proposed Ely bypass is that its objections are lazy and unprofessional. It is clear that no one from English Heritage has bothered to look on site. Indeed I wonder if anyone has even looked at the plans. Instead they appear to have accepted at face value the half baked "alternative" put forward by the Ely protest group.

For an organisation which receives two thirds of its funding from central government (in excess of £100 million) this is unforgivable. I repeat the call for the County Council to stick to their guns and approve the plans.

Les Walton
Soham

If you can't get under it . . .

THERE is a very straight forward solution to this problem without building a bypass or an underpass. The vast majority of traffic that cannot get under the bridge is going through Ely, not to Ely so the answer is to close the level crossing permanently (exceptions for emergency only). If you cant get under, you cant get in that way. Most heavy traffic coming to or through Ely comes from a distance away so it would just be a matter of re-scheduling as every body has to do with Welney Wash every year.

A little bit of inconvenience to start with and within a year every body will have forgotten it ever happened. Save the money and use it to tidy Ely up. A visitor entering Ely under the railway has to sit and look at the rubbish and filth on the embankment by the station.

Walking along High Street the other Sunday I was saddened to hear a couple of visitors say that Ely was just a collection of charity shops.

REVIEW: 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee' by Wilburton Theatre Group, St Peter's Hall Wilburton, on April 11th

The title of this musical was intriguing. How could anyone make a show out of a Spelling Bee? Well, Wilburton Theatre Group, under the excellent directorship of Emily Starr, made more than just an entertaining show of this script, they wowed the packed audience with delightful scenarios that brought the characters alive and the house down.

Louis Prime will never be forgotten for his portrayal of the emerging adolescent, Chip Tolentino, India Barton

played the rigid Lograinne Schwartz-grubbeniere to a tee and Lacey Webdale effectively portrayed Leaf Cooneybear with her tizzy ways contrasting wonderfully with those hypnotic moments when suddenly, she could spell. Tim Meikle was absolutely brilliant as the know-it-all William Barfé.

Although a small cast, many of the actors had no trouble portraying other key characters in the show making the characters stand out with their

noticeably different traits in a way that disguised their duplicate roles really well and the impromptu additional spellers invited from the audience all acquitted themselves most fittingly.

The music under the directorship of Richard Hayward was a major contribution to the vivacity of the show.

Emily Starr and her team are to be congratulated for a wonderful night's entertainment.

Rosemary Westwell

Look who's moved in . . .



THIS amazing picture of an adult heron feeding its hungry chick was taken in Ely. Four pairs of grey heron have decided to choose Ely Wildspace – a network of

habitats on the city's eastern edge – as their breeding spot. Grey herons are a common sight along the region's waterways but breeding colonies, known as heronries,

are relatively scarce. The prehistoric-looking chicks can already be seen standing around the rims of their nests. Visit www.elywildspace.org.uk.

If you "planners" want to see how to capitalize on a city's rich heritage take a day trip to York.
Frank Beesley
Soham

I've seen this happen before

MANY years ago I moved to Ely in search of a better quality of life. The previous 30 years or so had seen the village in Hertfordshire that I grew up in become a mess of identikit housing, tacky shops, and ugly office blocks. The only outlet for recreation being that of a medium-sized park stuffed full of swings, roundabouts, and people with nowhere else to go.

I now see a similar pattern occurring here in Ely with the same bull-nosed attitude towards anyone who dares to speak out about it as being 'progress deniers'. And now we have the Dean of Ely Cathedral sticking his oar in with "Cathedral: we're backing bypass". Remind me Mr Dean, Just how long have you lived in Ely? As I well imagine, like your predecessors you will no doubt retire within ten years time and turn your back on all the progress you put your name to, in favour of a nice quiet spot in the country – with no chance of a hideous bypass to muck up the view. Or is it good old fashioned conservatism with a capital C, as in 'Don't do as I do, do as I say'!

P.D. Eyles
Heron's Close
Ely

We all want the right solution

READING about The Very Reverend Mark Bonney's letter in The Daily Telegraph last week I could have sworn that it had been written by our own dear council leader James Palmer. It picked up on all the issues that he and his friends from Soham have been pushing at council meetings, and in the local papers in the last few weeks. We all want a solution to the problems on the A142 as soon as possible but one that has been thoroughly researched and found to be the best not only short term but into the future accommodating the traffic

from the new town planned for north Ely. There is no guarantee that the proposed bridge will be able to do that, there is no guarantee that the traffic 'jam' problem will not be moved further along the road from the station to the Angel Drove or Witchford roundabouts. Also there is no guarantee that the County Council can keep the project within budget. Unfortunately it is back to the drawing board to get it right, and at the same time not create a blot on the landscape.

Jane Howell
Haddenham

This is the wrong kind of play

ASK any natural scientist and they will tell you two facts. One, that human beings do not have a preordained right to exist on this planet and may become extinct at any time, and two, one of the main reasons human beings have not become extinct so far is that as children we play.

Given this, one might reasonably ask why the local authority is spending £70,000 on wooden equipment and surveillance cameras, rather than providing something that addresses children's real play needs. After all, if they are spending this sum, they must think there is someone there who is qualified to do so. How is it then that they are so off target? What Ely's children need is the same kind of diverse, malleable, imaginative space their parents had, where they can take risks, make up games, build dens, play with the elements and have some privacy from the world of adults? They do not need an unchallenging, overcrowded area, constantly overlooked by adults.

Granted, these sterile spaces may be what parents want, and they have the vote, but it's children who have to play in these boring spaces and it is children who have to rely on them for the experiences they will need in to be able to adapt to the changes the planet is currently undergoing and will undergo in the future.

Bob Hughes
Castelhythe
Ely

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We did it!

Runners of all abilities took part in the London Marathon on Sunday. JORDAN DAY caught up with some of our local runners to see how they performed ...

THOUSANDS of runners laced up their running shoes and pounded the capital's streets on Sunday for the London Marathon.

And, as ever, there were droves of people from the Ely area who put their best foot forward in the 26-mile route.

Joanne Denning

42-year-old Joanne Denning, from Prickwillow, completed the route in 5 hours 2 minutes.

Joanne, who runs Ely Motor Services with her husband, James, was running in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf as her youngest daughter, Katie, 10, was born profoundly deaf.

She has raised more than £2,000 in sponsorship. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/Joanne-Denning.

Stephen Anderson

Father-of-two Stephen Anderson, from Soham, put his best foot forward in memory of his dad.

His father, Ken, who was well-known locally, died of a brain haemorrhage around six years ago and Stephen, 42, donned his running shoes to raise money for the brain injury charity, Headway.

Stephen, who lives with his family in Aspen Way and is a voluntary community first responder in the town, completed the route in 5 hours 36 minutes and has raised around £1,600.

To donate, visit www.virginmoneygiving.com/stephenanderson6.

Martin Ireland

Martin Ireland, who is in the Household Cavalry Regiment, ran the marathon dressed in full army kit, complete with a full 36lb Bergen.

Martin, who has completed four tours of Afghanistan and lives in Littleport, was raising money for the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF).

He has raised more than £1,900 to date. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/Martin-Ireland2.

Andrew Wallis

29-year-old Andrew Wallis completed the route in an impressive 4 hours 17 seconds.

Andrew, who lives in Ely and works at King's Ely, was raising money for Asthma UK to support a colleague who is fundraising for the charity in memory of his nephew.

The school is also helping to raise as much as possible. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/wallywallis.

Fiona Talbot

Ely businesswoman Fiona Talbot took part to raise funds for the housing and homelessness charity, Shelter.

Fiona, 42, who owns BAR 62 in Ely and the city's Castle Hotel, completed



WE DID IT! Top: Maria Roe, left, with Bob and Clare Wright. Above left: Zoe Shackleton with her sons Alex, 3, and Joe, 5. Above right: Malcolm Bennett



the marathon in 5 hours 26 minutes and has raised around £1,400. To donate, visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/FionaTalbot1>.

Zoe Shackleton

Mum-of-two Zoe Shackleton donned her running shoes to raise money for Ely's Rainbow Pre-school.

Zoe, 38, from Ely, completed the route in a speedy 3 hours 9 minutes and has raised approximately £1,100 for the pre-school. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/Zoe-Shackleton.

Chris Jupp

42-year-old Chris Jupp, from Pymoor, completed the marathon dressed as Ron Burgundy from the hit film Anchorman.

He touched the finish line in 5 hours 21 minutes and has raised around £1,500 for the charity, Children with Cancer UK. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/Ron-Burgundy.

Bob Wright and Maria Roe

Friends Bob Wright and Maria Roe, from Sutton, took part in memory of Bob's baby son, Jacob.

Jacob was just 16 months old when he died in his mum, Claire's arms in

More pictures online at
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April 2012 after a catalogue of health complications.

Bob, who was raising money for the Lily Foundation, completed the marathon in 7 hours 21 minutes and has raised approximately £4,000. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/team-jacum-runningformyboy.

Maria reached the finish line in 7 hours 15 minutes and has raised around £2,000 for the Sick Children's Trust. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/Maria-Gingell2.

Malcolm Bennett

Dad-of-two Malcolm Bennett completed the marathon in 4 hours 11 minutes.

Malcolm, from Sutton, was raising money for Bliss – a charity which supports parents of special care and premature babies – and he has raised around £2,000 so far. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/malcolm-bennett1.



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Deaths	Deaths
DERRY Vera (Tiny) néé Lavender, passed away peacefully in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely on Friday, 11th April, 2014, aged 94 years. Wife of the late Walter, loving mum of Susan and Patricia, mother-in-law of Chris, grandmother of Sarah and Sally, great-grandmother of Sophie, Harriet, Samuel and Charlie. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Ely on Thursday, 24th April, 2014 at 10.30am followed by interment in Ely Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW	GILL Mary of Berry Green Farm, Stretham, passed peacefully away at Lily House, Ely, on Saturday, 12th April, 2014, aged 92 years. Dearly loved wife of Dick, mother of David, mother-in-law of Janet, much loved grandma of Adam and sister of Godfrey. Private cremation is followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St James Church, Stretham, on Friday, 25th April, at 2.30pm. No flowers by request, donations if desired for Dementia UK will be gratefully received at the service or c/o A. G. Carter Funeral Director, 6 Froize End, Haddenham, Cambs, CB6 3UQ.

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Paris is calling for intrepid Paul

INTREPID Paul Kesterton will be swapping the flats of Cambridgeshire for the hills of France to raise much-needed funds for charities.

Paul, 39, who lives in Witchford and is manager of Ely's Argos store, will be cycling from London to Paris next month.

The mammoth challenge will see him pedalling approximately 300 miles in just four days, starting on Wednesday, May 7.

Paul hopes to raise at least £2,000 each for the Alzheimer's Society and the Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT).

He said: "The Alzheimer's Society is Argos' charity of the year this year and the TCT is one of our previous charities of the year.

"I'm looking forward to the cycle ride but I know it's not going to be easy - especially as the hills get steeper and steeper."

To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/paul-kesterton1, text KEST89 and your amount to 7070 or pop into Argos in Ely's High Street.

PEDAL POWER: Paul Kesterton will be cycling from London to Paris to raise money for two charities

How do you think Ely should grow?

A BLUEPRINT which will set out how the Ely area should grow over the next 17 years is set to go out to public consultation for a final time today.

The Local Plan looks at how much, where and when development in East Cambridgeshire should take place up until 2031.

The district council says it seeks to ensure development in the district is 'sustainable' by meeting the needs of the area.

Residents now have until Friday, May 30 to view the document and have their say.

Katie Child, the council's principal forward planning officer, said: "The consultation follows the hearing sessions which were held by the Planning Inspector in February this year, and seeks comments on a schedule of proposed modifications to the Local Plan.

"Some of these modifications are minor but others are more substantial as they would change the meaning of a policy or proposal.

"The inspector will consider all comments received in relation to the proposed modifications prior to issuing final recommendations in an inspector's report."

Residents, businesses and organisations can now view the Local Plan by visiting www.eastcambs.gov.uk or by popping into the council offices in Nutholt Lane, Ely.

To have your say, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/lpmodifications2 or email ldf@eastcambs.gov.uk.

Children's footie treat

PUPILS from Highfield Special School in Ely were welcomed to Cambridge City Football Club's recent home game against Truro.

The youngsters took part in the half time penalty shootout organised by the City Football in the Community Scheme, and they also formed a guard of honour to welcome City's promotion-hunting team on to the pitch.

And they were a good omen for the team as the hosts won 4-1.

City Football in the Community officer Richard Rose said: "Highfield are regular visitors to a City match each season so we had no hesitation to invite them again. They had a great afternoon." The children also got autographs of the players.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

HOW SHOULD ELY BE DEVELOPED?

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Croylands: Owner found as council accepts offer

A NEW owner has been found for a former vicarage in Ely - although who they are cannot yet be revealed.

Numerous offers were made on Croylands, in Cambridge Road, earlier this year and on Tuesday, Cambridgeshire County Council's cabinet met to decide whose offer to accept.

The Grade II listed building failed to reach its £650,000 reserve price at a specialist auction in March, and as a result the council invited interested parties to enter their best offers.

Four unconditional offers were made, alongside two offers which were conditional on planning permission being granted.

The council then narrowed the offers down to one higher offer for a 12,000sq ft care home - conditional on planning permission - and a second, lower but unconditional offer, for a family home. The unconditional offer was agreed by cabinet.

Roger Moore, head of strategic management at the council, was recommending that cabinet accepted the unconditional offer given the controversy surrounding McCarthy and Stone's former plans to turn the building into retirement flats.

The new owner will be revealed once all the legal documents have been signed.

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Concert to celebrate director's birthday

MORE than 180 musicians and singers from across the UK will come together inside Ely Cathedral on Easter Monday.

They will perform one of Haydn's most inspirational works, *The Creation*, to celebrate the 60th birthday of the cathedral's director of music, Paul Trepte.

Lead by the full complement of the boys, girls and men of Ely Cathedral Choirs, the 130 singers and 50 orchestral musicians all have a personal or professional connection with Paul, who studied music at Oxford.

He has been director of music at Ely for more than 25 years, during which time he has taught more than 500 choristers, many of whom have gone on to have successful careers in music and performance.

Tickets for the concert, which starts at 7.30pm, are £15 or £7.50 for concessions and are available by calling (01353) 660349 or visiting www.elycathedral.org.

Happy birthday to Phoenix Club

A POPULAR community group in Soham is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Soham Phoenix Club was formed in April 2004 after the former Morning Women's Institute group folded due to a lack of members.

Determined to keep community spirits high, members Jill Powley and Janice Kinnear launched the club to enable local ladies to come together, and the club has grown from strength to strength.

Jill said: "We've got about 30 members and we only had 15 at first so things have gone really well."

"We meet once a month and enjoy a guest speaker and refreshments – it's just lovely for all us ladies to come together like we do."

The club meets at the Causeway Community Rooms, in Tanners Lane, on the second Wednesday of the month from 9.30am-11.30am. Call Jill on (01353) 624552.



CAKE FOR ALL: Members of the Soham Phoenix Club celebrate the club's 10th anniversary

Petting zoo opening to public for first time

GET up close to animals of all shapes and sizes in Soham on Saturday.

An open day is being held at South Angle Farm Park – and families from across the region are invited.

The farm park and petting zoo experience was launched by David and Liona Woricker in 2012 and is not usually open to the general public; instead visitors pre-book their family, class, group or organisation and the whole site is exclusively theirs to enjoy.

But the event on Saturday will enable everyone to see what the farm park has to offer, including lambs, piglets, goats, chickens and horses, as well as lizards, snakes, minibeasts and tarantulas.

The open day kicks off at 10am.

South Angle Farm Park has been made possible with the support of Cambridgeshire County Council, DEFRA and the EU.

Visit www.southanglefarmpark.co.uk for more information.

Asda licence approved

A SUPERMARKET giant's plans to serve alcohol until midnight, seven days a week, have been approved – despite anger from nearby residents.

Asda will soon take over Budgens in Clay Street, Soham, and last month bosses applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for permission to open the store from 6am-midnight Monday to Sunday – and serve alcohol throughout that period.

The application also involved

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supplying "late-night refreshment" from 11pm-midnight seven days a week.

Despite dozens of objections from families living nearby, the application has been approved by council licensing bosses.

Among the objectors was Geoffrey Woollard, of nearby St Andrew's Park, who said he was "disappointed" by the decision.

He said: "It appears the objections to late-night alcohol sales raised by residents were not relevant or were of a speculative nature and without evidential proof."

"It is my opinion that extended licensing hours for the sale of alcohol through the soon-to-be Asda store are likely to exacerbate late-night crime and disorder, could threaten public safety, will cause a public nuisance and may prove a danger to children."

Asda announced earlier this year that it would be taking over the store, which is currently run by local businessman Jonathan James.

The news has been largely welcomed by locals, who have been asking for more variety when it comes to shopping in the town for some time.

Asda says it will be taking over the store "in the near future", although a formal opening date is yet to be confirmed.



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WAVING GOODBYE: Mick Galley served as a firefighter for 29 years

Mick retires after 29 years as firefighter

A FIREFIGHTER has hung up his uniform after tackling blazes in the Soham area for almost three decades.

Mick Galley, 62, decided to call it a day after 29 years as an on-call firefighter.

The father-of-two, who lives with his wife, Karen, in Guntons Close, Soham, said: "It wasn't an easy decision and I'm going to miss it a lot but you just know when the time has come."

Mick, who works at local firm Prelude Fabrications, said: "Being an on-call firefighter is brilliant fun and I was lucky to work with a great bunch of lads, and one lass, at Soham station."

"You never know what's going to happen next and even after 29 years I still got a buzz whenever I was called out."

"My first ever call-out was to a Ford Escort on fire in The Shade. It was a Saturday night at around 6.30pm, although I can't remember the date."

When asked about the strangest 999 call he attended, Mick said: "I've had a few bizarre ones over

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the years. I've been called to a dove stuck up a tree and lots of animals stuck in ditches and rivers – horses, cows and sheep – but I suppose that's because of the area we live in.

"Road traffic collisions are always the toughest incidents to attend."

Station Commander Martin Ockenden said: "Mick was the smallest member of the team when he joined the service and although he used to be squeezed into tight spaces at incidents, he became a big character on the station."

"During his distinguished career he attended countless emergency incidents helping many members of the community in their hour of need. Although he is a slight man he has left big boots to be filled."

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is now recruiting in Soham and stations across the county.

For more information, visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk.

Boost home security

RESIDENTS in the Ely area are being reminded that boosting security at their homes and business premises is the most effective way to warn off thieves.

Cambridgeshire Police have launched a new campaign this month to raise awareness of the importance of minimising the temptation for burglars.

Burglary prevention lead, Detective Inspector Dan Pawson, said: "Lack of security is one of

the top reasons homes are targeted by burglars. Good, high-quality security doesn't have to cost a fortune, but can make a big difference.

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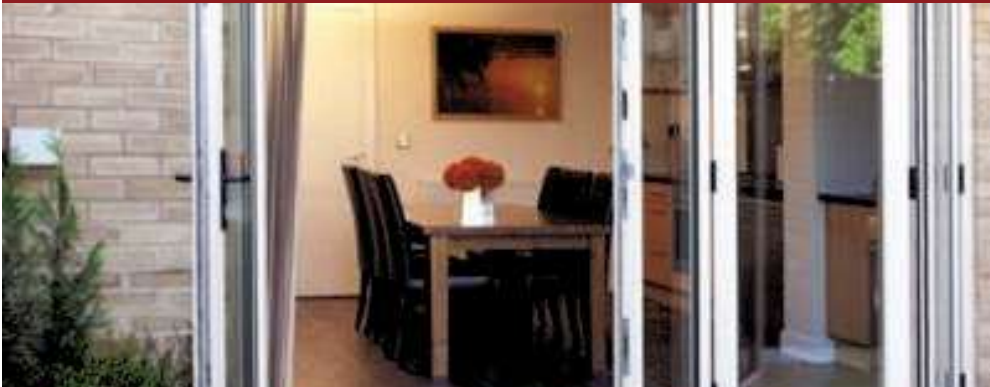
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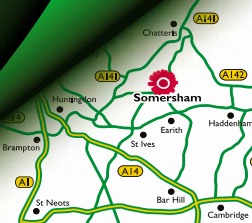
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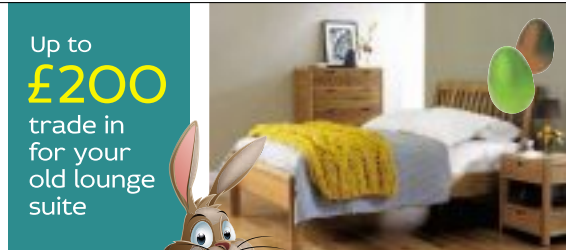
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COURT REPORTER

A CORONER has called for new laws to ban fly-grazing after a 23-year-old man from Soham was killed by horses which had escaped onto the A14.

Thomas Allen, who is the cousin of Soham murder victim Holly Wells, was driving home on Christmas Eve with his girlfriend when his car hit one of five horses, which had strayed onto the dual carriageway.

As previously reported, Mr Allen, of Red House Gardens, Soham, died in hospital on Christmas Day 2012 as a result of the injuries he sustained in the horrific four-vehicle collision.

Horse owner Stacy Humphrys, 27, who was responsible for a herd of between 30-40 animals, had been repeatedly warned about previous escapes from the field, near Sproughton, Suffolk.

Humphrys, of West Meadows travellers site in Ipswich, admitted causing a public nuisance and was jailed for two years and four months last month.



TRAGIC: Thomas Allen, 23, died as a result of his injuries

At an inquest into Mr Allen's death, coroner Peter Dean recorded a verdict of accidental death and said the tragedy was an "accident waiting to happen".

He called for fly-grazing, where animals are taken to fields to feed without permission, to be made illegal and

said he would write to police forces and local authorities to "ensure sufficient priority is given to the problem."

Dr Dean will also write to the Government asking for fly-grazing to be made a criminal offence to "minimise the chance" of another "dreadful tragedy happening again".

He said: "It's very clear that what took place was an awful tragedy. There had been numerous reports of horses on the loose on or near the road or in locations where the potential for an accident was always there."

"The picture here seems to be a recurring problem with potential deficiencies in the legislation that might have enabled it to have been dealt with more swiftly."

TIME TO CHANGE THE LAW?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Is it time to make fly-grazing a criminal offence? Have you had problems with it in your area?

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Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Managing Director Tim Law feels that it's all about service. "Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have

struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Cambridge, Ely, Saffron Walden, Haverhill, Royston & Newmarket areas and Tim is finding that his approach is a major factor in his

success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Easter fun for all in Pocket Park

AN Easter egg hunt is being held in Ely's Pocket Park on Saturday.

Local charity Act4Kidz is hosting the event from noon to 1.30pm. The activities are free and all are welcome, although priority will be given to families with children with additional needs. Call Niki on 07880 557795.

Ely Film Society's screening

SPANISH-FRENCH film *About My Mother* will be screened by the Ely Film Society next week.

The 1999 comedy-drama, directed by Pedro Almodovar, will be shown at the Old Palace, on Palace Green, on Monday, April 21 at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome. Call (01353) 668639.

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Fancy helping out at Aquafest?

ORGANISERS of Ely Aquafest are keen to hear from people interested in running a refreshment marquee at the event.

The annual festival is being held on Sunday, July 6 and is organised by the Rotary Club of Ely. Call Phil on (01353) 669558.

Free dog microchipping at vets

JOHNSON and Scott Veterinary Practices in Witchford and Littleport are offering free dog microchipping. Call (01353) 634123 for details.



HISTORY LESSON: Alivia Norman, 13, Riley Norman, 6, and Kara Norman, 10, certainly enjoyed the activities

Uncovering the history of Easter

FAMILIES took a step back in time to learn more about the origins of Easter traditions in Ely.

Oliver Cromwell House threw its doors open for a children's Easter holiday event on Tuesday.

The event, entitled Eggs, Buns and Bunnies, saw youngsters dressing up in period costumes and taking tours

around the historic house to learn about the origins of today's Easter celebrations and how things changed under the Cromwellian rule.

They then got creative by decorating an Easter egg cup to take home.

For information about upcoming events at Oliver Cromwell House, call (01353) 662062.

Candidates all set for by-election

THE countdown is on to the Sutton by-election.

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Four candidates are hoping for the majority of the vote at the polls next Thursday.

The by-election for the seat on East Cambridgeshire District Council is being held after the resignation of former council leader, Conservative Cllr Peter Moakes, who lives in Ely, and represented the village for years.

Cllr Daniel Divine, who lives in Little Downham and represents Littleport for Cambridgeshire County Council, has been put forward by the UKIP party.

Lorna Dupre, who lives in Sutton, will once again represent the Liberal Democrats.

She was the Lib Dem parliamentary candidate in 2010, coming second behind Stephen Barclay. She was also runner-up in the Cambridgeshire County Council election for Sutton in May 2013, which was won by Cllr Philip Read. Jane Frances, who lives in Little

Downham, has been put forward by the Labour party. She also stood for the party in the Ely East by-election which was held last September.

Neil Hitchin, who lives in Ely, will represent the Conservatives at the by-election. He is an architectural conservationist and historian.

As previously reported, Cllr Moakes handed his resignation in last month as he did not agree with radical restructure plans at the authority.

The proposed restructure, which is being led by Conservative Cllr James Palmer, could see around 25 redundancies made.

Speaking to *Ely News* the day after he resigned, Cllr Moakes said the restructure was being "handled in the wrong way".

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Crafts galore at Ely Museum

CHILDREN can get into the Easter spirit at Ely Museum today.

The museum is hosting Easter-themed arts and crafts activities for youngsters aged 5-11. Running from 11am-12.30pm, they will be able to make special baskets and crowns, as well as follow Easter trails. The cost is £3. To check if places are still available, call (01353) 666655.

Calling all local history lovers!

WOMEN from years gone by will be the focus of a poetry event in Ely.

'Spoken Word, Spooky Folk and Wild (Norfolk) Women' is being held at Oliver Cromwell House and will see visitors hearing stories and poems about powerful women from the past. Gareth Calway and The Familiars are hosting the event on Thursday, April 24 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50. Call (01353) 662062.

Raising cash for African school

AN art exhibition is being held to raise funds for a school in Uganda.

The exhibition is running at Ely Methodist Church, in Chapel Street, on Saturday, April 26.

Being held from 10am-noon, there will also be stalls, cakes and demonstrations in braiding and beading. Entry to the exhibition, which is raising funds for Nakulabye Junior School in Kampala, is £2.

Get into Easter spirit in Soham

THERE will be Easter fun galore in Soham tomorrow.

The Brook, in Brook Street, is holding an Easter Extravaganza from 11am-4pm. There will be everything from stalls to crafts, as well as games and raffles. Entry is free.



IN THE SADDLE: Sylvia Morton, Colin Morton, Ted Coney and Xander Brown

Pedal power raises hundreds for Magpas

A SCHOOLBOY and a pensioner have raised hundreds of pounds for charity by completing a 10-mile cycle ride.

Six-year-old Xander Brown, from Ely, and local artist Ted Coney, 70, had signed up for the Ouse Washes Experience charity cycle ride and run on Sunday, April 6.

However, as previously reported, the inaugural

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event, which would have been raising funds for the emergency medical charity Magpas, had to be postponed due to the condition of the route following recent rain.

But that didn't stop Xander, a pupil at Ely St John Primary School, and

Ted using their pedal power to support Magpas as they decided to complete their own cycle ride.

Joined by Xander's mum, Michelle, and friends Sylvia and Colin Morton, they biked 10 miles from Ely to Littleport and back, with Ted on his 1940s bike, which he rides every day around Ely.

The halfway stop was at the Harley Davidson mem-

orial in Littleport, where the Fenlanders Chapter of the Harley Davidson Owners Group provided Xander with a surprise reception. Xander and Ted raised more than £400.

To sponsor them, visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Xanderbrown>.

The Ely Hereward Rotary Club hopes to hold the charity event later in the year.

Jim Paice calls for more child protection

SIR Jim Paice – MP for South East Cambridgeshire – is calling for more action to protect children from sexual exploitation.

He has joined forces with Sarah Champion MP and the children's charity Barnardo's to demand more is done by the Government and other agencies to combat child sexual exploitation.

Sir Jim sat on a panel of Parliamentarians who heard evidence as part of a backbench inquiry, led by Sarah Champion, into child sexual exploitation.

The cross-party panel of MPs and peers heard from young victims, as well as representatives from the police, legal profession, local authorities and the voluntary sector.

The inquiry tested the effectiveness of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, and a report published has highlighted numerous legislative and policy areas that could be strengthened.

Sir Jim said: "Taking part in this process has left me in no doubt about the scale of this issue and the urgency that is needed from all parties to tackle it. Now is not the time to rest on our laurels."

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Fire safety scheme's successful two years

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Community Champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate people about fire safety and escape plans. They also refer to the service people who are not confident undertaking a check in their own home.

The scheme has 19 ambassadors spread across Cambridgeshire, including in the Ely area and in two years, the champions have delivered fire safety messages to almost 3,000 residents.

They have also attended more than 120 community groups, partnership opportunities and events and they have made 60 referrals to CFRS for vulnerable residents to have home fire safety checks.

More champions are always needed. For more information, call Rachael Brown on (01353) 865037 or visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk.

Astronomers thank lucky stars for help

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ASTRONOMERS in the Ely area are able to see into the stars again thanks to a huge community effort.

Members of the Anglian Observatory were devastated when the community telescope in Wentworth was severely damaged by vandals.

The telescope box was pushed and rocked so hard, the telescope smashed, in an incident not long before Christmas.

But, just a few months later, the equipment has been restored and is back in use for astronomers and local families.

Peter Ingram, chairman of the Anglian Observatory, said: "We really didn't think we'd be able to repair the telescope."

"It was severely damaged and the fact it was an old design meant it was extra difficult to find the parts we needed."

"But after many generous donations from friends and some mechanical help from Witchford Garage and others, we did it."



NEW LEASE OF LIFE: For the community telescope in Wentworth, which was vandalised just before Christmas

"The telescope has literally been rebuilt from scratch. It was quite difficult to find replacements for some of the parts and not easy to overcome the engineering but it really is a wonderful instrument again now."

Adrian Shaw, the original designer and builder of the telescope, observatory

members and local families attended a special opening ceremony to celebrate completion of work.

Mr Ingram said security at the observatory, located in Main Street, near the village play area, has been increased following the vandalism.

He said: "The telescope is now newer than new and

we are fully open to the public. We can plainly see, in addition to the distant stars and galaxies, the four moons of Jupiter and the icy poles of Mars."

"Come and see for yourselves. We are open at dusk every clear Wednesday evening."

Call Peter on (01353) 661734 for information.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Store raises £2.7k for charity

ELY'S Sainsbury's store has announced that it raised a whopping £2,745 for Sport Relief 2014.

The store held a host of fundraising activities last month in aid of the campaign, including sponsored cycle challenges, a fun run and dance contests.

Art society's next talk is tonight

ANTHONY Penrose is guest speaker at tonight's Ely Decorative and Fine Arts Society's talk.

The talk, entitled *The Magic Man*, is being held at the Old Palace, on Palace Green, at 7.30pm and non-members are welcome.

Hotel's £480 boost for Shelter

A HOTEL has raised almost £500 for the homelessness charity Shelter.

Fiona Talbot, owner of the Castle Hotel in New Barns Road, held a charity breakfast weekend earlier this month.

A total of £487 was raised.

Bent and Cornwall butchers in Ely donated sausages for the event, Westmoor House smallholding in Littleport donated eggs and Ely Foodbank donated baked beans.

Visit www.shelter.org.uk for more information about the charity.

Music and laughter at The Brook

REVELLERS are in for a barrel of laughs in Soham next week.

Nigel Boy Sayer and friends are hosting a music, laughter and variety show at The Brook, in Brook Street, on Friday, April 25.

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Postnatal depression is thought to be caused by the hormonal changes that occur after pregnancy combined with the physical and emotional stress of looking after a newborn. It affects as many as one in seven women and, according to the NHS, is unlikely to get better by itself quickly; do contact your GP if you think you or your partner is affected.

You can find Alice's blog at knitrun4sanity.wordpress.com, and sponsor her at virginmoneygiving.com/knitrun4sanity

When Alice Leadbeter was struck down with postnatal depression, she didn't think she'd ever get better. But with the right help and plenty of determination, she has rebuilt her life – and wants to help others do the same, as she told **Emma Higginbotham**.

BUBBLY, easy-going and blessed with an infectious laugh, Alice Leadbeter is great company. Her house has the cosily chaotic feel of a large, happy family – photos of sons James, 10, Thomas, 8 and Harry, 5, smile down from every wall, and toys fight for space with colourful beads and yarns; as well as being a primary school teacher, Alice is a keen knitter and jewellery-maker.

But the craft projects were taking a back seat when we met, as the 40-year-old was in training to run Sunday's London Marathon. And her chosen charity? Mind. Because

in spite of her cheerful nature, not so long ago Alice was in the dark depths of postnatal depression: "At my worst, I didn't think I'd ever recover," she says. "But now I'm better than I've ever been."

Alice, who lives in Burwell, always wanted to be a mum. She and husband Ian were delighted when James was born and, with no history of depression, revelled in her time with her new baby.

"I'm a perfectionist, as many teachers are; we have very high standards, and I remember thinking 'Gosh, my life's so much easier now, I've got so much more

time than when I'm teaching!'" says Alice, laughing. "I had time to actually think about what I was going to wear in the morning, and maybe put a bit of make-up on..."

But when Thomas arrived, Alice wasn't quite so breezy: "I was on the edge, I think. I had a lovely health visitor who was watching me: she just picked up that I was not 'not coping', but just mentally not quite where I should be. But then when I had Harry it all fell apart."

During her pregnancy, life had become increasingly stressful for Alice. Little Thomas was very

poorly with asthma, "and we spent a lot of time in the hospital with him, which was obviously really worrying," she recalls.

"Every mum wants everything to be perfect for their children. You want them to have a wonderful upbringing and a great childhood, so I nearly killed myself trying to be here for James, as well as for Thomas in hospital, and trying to make it all alright."

When Harry arrived, Alice struggled from the beginning. "There were lots of tears. Lots and lots of tears," she says. "I loved my children to bits, and I would do

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anything for them, but I remember lying on the bed upstairs in absolute tears, thinking 'I can't do this'.

Gradually, she felt herself withdrawing: "You almost shut down from the outside world. You're in this little bubble, and nobody knows. I put on this big act; even people who were fairly close to me didn't know because I kept them at a distance."

But at home Alice couldn't hide and, she says, it was particularly tough for Ian: "When I was crying, he'd just say 'What's wrong?' And I'd be like 'I don't know!'."

"It's so hard for the person watching you going through something, because they desperately want to help, but don't really know how. I can't fault him; he was brilliant and very hands-on. But I just shrank away from everybody."

"It wasn't as extreme as some," she adds. "Some people want to kill their children. But I could see that! I loved this thing with all my heart, but the demands it was expecting," she says, shaking her head. "It's mentally and physically draining, because they want you all the time."

Alice's other issue was that she was never able to relax: "I couldn't stop. I'd either be crumpled in tears or I'd be manic. The house had to be perfect – you can tell my standards have dropped! – but I had to have a perfect house, everything had to be ironed... I remember people saying to me 'It doesn't matter, and I'd be like 'But it DOES!' I had such high expectations."

Luckily for Alice, her health visitor recognised that something was seriously wrong, even though at first she refused to admit it: "Who's going to say 'Do you know what, I'm really not coping?'", she says. "You're not! You're a mother, you're expected to cope. How often have you got those images of the perfect family thrown at you in the media? You can't fail, and yet you do feel like a failure."

"I used to think 'What's wrong with me? I've got three beautiful children, I've got everything I should want, but I'm not happy'. It's horrid, really horrid, because you're embarrassed. How can you admit to somebody that

actually it's not going right?"

But Alice's biggest fear was what might happen to her children if she told the truth: "It must have been in the back of my mind that they might be taken away because I couldn't cope. I thought 'If I can't look after them, what's going to happen?'"

"It is really hard, but in order to get better, you have to admit that there's a problem. And once I did reach out, I found that I had an amazing team behind me."

The health visitor had clearly voiced her worries to Alice's GP and, when she went for her six week check-up, the doctor was ready: "She was just who I needed; she's a mother, and she made it sound normal." The doctor gave Alice some leaflets; by chance there was a postnatal depression group in the village, "and I phoned this lady, who came round to visit me."

"She was brilliant, because she'd been through it herself, but I remember sitting here thinking 'I'll never be able to be like her. I can't ever imagine recovering, and being like she is. There's no way out of this'."

"But she was the one who introduced me to knitting again. She said 'I used to knit things for my daughter's dolls, and I felt like I was doing something for her, but actually it was a way of sitting down'. And that was brilliant. I knitted as a teenager, so I just started again; it just meant that I could sit still and not feel guilty. Knitting is amazing because all you're worrying about is the next stitch: you're focused on that, rather than on everything else that's going on."

Alice's next step was to have counselling: "I'd got to a point where I realised I couldn't go on like this, and I needed to throw everything I could at it. So I did. Counselling's not right for everybody, but I was desperate. My counsellor was wonderful, and said 'Focus on you: if you can't look after yourself, then you can't look after everybody else'."

Moreover Alice realised, with sadness, that she needed to give up her job. "It was a very hard decision. I was worried about what people would think of me – the general perception of mental health is that you're completely nutty – and I was

thinking 'Will I ever get another job if it goes on my file?'

"But I wanted to get better, even though I didn't actually believe I could at the beginning. So I just thought 'I'm going to stop, spend the time with my children, and take one stress out of my life'."

She also decided to take anti-depressants, something she'd avoided to begin with: "Again, it's another step to actually saying 'You know what? I've accepted it'. And it's just like any other medication: if it's going to help you, what's wrong with it? I just wanted to feel better."

For Alice, it worked. She busied herself with being the best mum she could be and, ever-energetic, threw herself into learning to make jewellery – and writing a blog about it. "When I wasn't working, it was almost like I wasn't a member of society, and that's when blogging really helped – it was a connection with other people. I love it."

Today, Alice feels better than ever, not least because she's back at work. With Harry starting school last September, she decided that the time was right, and now does a job-share at a local primary: "I really do love teaching," she says. "Once a teacher, always a teacher..."

So what would her advice be to someone who suspects they may have postnatal depression? "Don't struggle on your own. If you can find a doctor who you really like, and who you think will listen to you, go and see them – even if it means waiting for a week. And don't be afraid! I know it's really hard, but people will understand. I've never felt anybody judging me in a negative way because of what I've admitted to."

Alice ran the marathon for for Mind – a charity she chose because of its determination to get people talking about mental health problems.

"We need to get rid of the stigma. One in four people will be affected, which is an amazing statistic, and we really shouldn't look at anybody differently. It's an illness like any other illness, and if I can help one person by being open about it, it'll be worth it."

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A NEW networking event is being launched to bring businesses in the Ely area closer together.

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The first event is being held on Wednesday, April 23 at E-space North Business Centre in Wisbech Road, Littleport.

John Bridge OBE, chief executive of Camb-

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ridgeshire Chambers of Commerce, said: "We all know you're far more likely to buy from someone you know than someone you don't and this new event for chamber members in Ely aims to help companies of all sizes to build those connections."

"The structured format of speed networking means it will be ideal for new or reluctant networkers. There is little opportunity to get stuck on the side-

lines and the event promises everyone will leave with pockets full of business cards and new business contacts."

Simply Networking is just one of a number of initiatives run by the chamber to help companies become more successful by extending their network of local business contacts.

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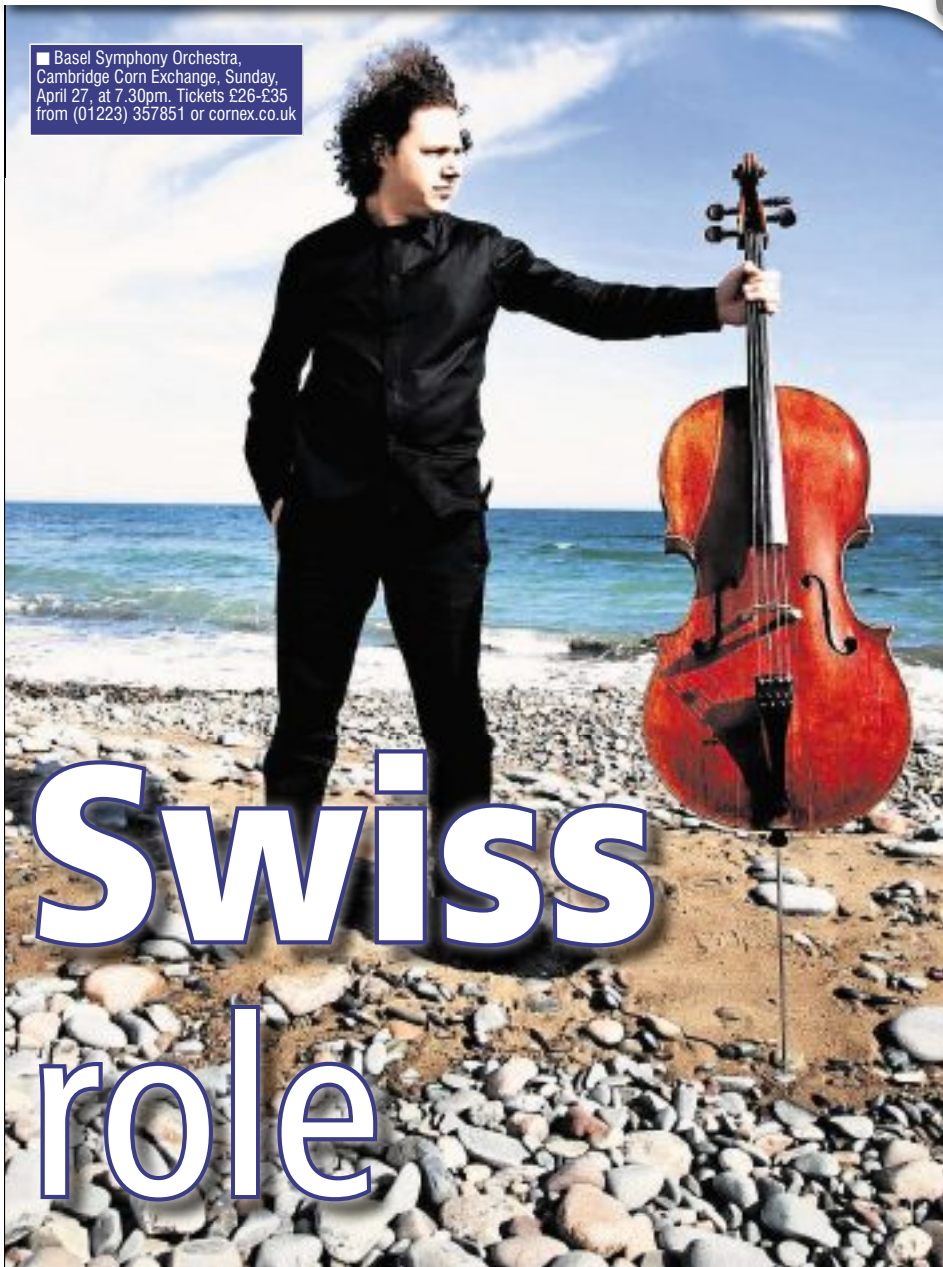
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The soloist on the night is dynamic cellist Matt Haimovitz, pictured, and the concert offers a rare chance to hear music by some of the 20th century's most influential minimalist composers. Arvo Pärt's *These Words* is as haunting and ethereal as the Gregorian chants which inspire so much of the composer's work; Philip Glass's mesmerising *Cello Concerto No 2* receives its UK premiere; and for John Adams' *Harmonielehre*, the Corn Exchange will be transformed, such are the colossal orchestral resources this extraordinary piece requires.

The conductor, Dennis Russell Davies, right, is a contemporary of Philip Glass and an acknowledged champion of modern classical music.

ANDREW BURTON spoke to him



What draws you to the music of Pärt, Adams and Glass?

These are composers who have written strikingly different music, starting out in the 20th century and continuing into the 21st century. Their music found an audience that wasn't necessarily used to going to concerts, and they extended the concert-going audience's ideas of what music is and could be.

What do you hope Cambridge audiences will feel when they see the concert?

An audience makes a special effort when they come to hear music. They are not sitting at home, or listening to music on headphones. They have set aside their evening. What I hope is the audience will be rewarded and stimulated. If someone goes to see an exhibition at an art gallery, they can mull over a particular work of art, think about it, then return and have another crack at it. In the concert hall, that's difficult to pull off. You've got to be 'in

the present'.

What I hope to have is an audience which actively listens. I'm assuming people who come to the concerts on our UK tour will come because they are curious. They may know one or another of the works but I doubt any of them will have heard all three, and certainly not live. So I'm hoping there'll be a sense of adventure and discovery.

What does minimalism mean to you?

The term was originally coined because, after decades of music becoming more and more complicated harmonically and technically, there was suddenly this new music that didn't require any of these virtues we had all worked so hard to acquire.

For the musicians, it was a dash of cold water: suddenly they were no longer required to play exotically intricate and difficult chromatic lines where their instruments and their capabilities were stretched to the limit. Instead, they were simply required to take two or three simple, motivic ideas and play them rhythmically accurately and in tune.

These are qualities we associate more with our classical repertoire. There's a saying that Mozart's music is too difficult for the professional and too easy for the amateur, and there's a lot of truth to that.

The music of these minimalist composers goes back to the basic virtues of good musicianship and also, on the audience's part, of listening.

The audience is almost required to be in a meditative state at some points; not to be impatient, to take the time to let events unfold. In the 19th century, this was common. After all, it's what you need to do when you hear, say, a Bruckner symphony.

What inspired you to become a conductor?

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The one-man show, directed by Paul Hendy with help from Eric's son, associate producer Gary Morecambe, this is a brand new production of Tim Whitnall's Olivier Award-winning play.

It tracks the Morecambe and Wise star's trajectory from Music Hall performances to Christmas Day extravaganzas on the telly.

"I was a jobbing actor who fell into it," Golding says. "A few years ago, I approached a producer about doing a one-man play, and he said, 'You know what? You should play Eric Morecambe. You've got something of Eric about you.'" I thought, "Actually, there's something in that." Maybe it's my silliness. My kids

are all daft as brushes – we come from a long line of brushes!

"I was a huge fan of Eric's. I'm a British comedy geek, and you can't be a fan of British comedy without being a fan of Morecambe and Wise. Watching Morecambe and Wise, you were guaranteed laughs. Their act was silly, and we Brits really like silly. They brought our family together, as they did everyone else's in the nation. I remember watching them with my nan who was laughing her head off. I was 7 when the Morecambe and Wise Christmas special got 28.8 million viewers on BBC1. Over half the country was watching – can you believe that? That figure will never be beaten."

But why does he think the play works so well?

"Because it's not just about Eric. I play 55 different characters. I play Eric and everyone else in his life. That gives the show real pace and energy. It's also a complete pleasure to perform. I did 260 performances of this show a few years ago, but this is a completely new production with a new director.

"It's lovely to be back. I still get the same joy as I ever did playing Eric. I feel this great sense of elation at the end of every show.

"Eric's daughter Gail came unannounced to watch the show in Wellingborough. In the bar afterwards, I approached her and said, 'You're Gail, aren't you?' She was in floods of tears.

But he only started to get nervous when celebrities like Ant and Dec, Nicholas Parsons, Ronnie Corbett and Barry Cryer started coming along to see the show.

Golding says: "But I'm so glad I've done it. It's our duty to remind people why Eric and Ernie were so brilliant and why we still have this enormous love and adoration for them. They were two simple men who provoked a huge reaction from the whole country."

• **Morecambe**, Cambridge Arts Theatre, Friday, April 18 – Sunday, April 20 at 7.45pm. Tickets £15-£27 from (01223) 503333 / cambridgeartstheatre.purchase-tickets-online.co.uk – the box office is closed on Good Friday.



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film of the week



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2 (12A, 142 mins)
TWO is company but three super-villains are a crowd in Marc Webb's action-packed sequel to his 2012 blockbuster, which successfully rebooted the Marvel Comics franchise.

A Russian mobster in rhinoceros-shaped armour, a malignant Oscorp employee who can shoot electricity from his fingertips and an iconic green-skinned imp with daddy issues all vie for our attention during a rough 'n' tumble 142 minutes.

The film's special effects wizards oblige with dazzling sequences of Spider-Man swinging at breathless speed through the skyscrapers of New York.

Such is the dizzying velocity of these set pieces, director Webb repeatedly employs slow-motion to make sense of the blurs of blue and red spandex.

For all the sequel's technical prowess, which is considerable, it's the screen chemistry of Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone, who met on the first picture and have been dating ever since, which provides more bang than the digitally-rendered pyrotechnics.

While Peter hones his powers, childhood friend Harry Osborn (Dane DeHaan) returns to the Big Apple to assume control of Oscorp in the wake of the death of his bullying father, Norman (Chris Cooper).

Harry's ascension coincides with an industrial accident that transforms nerdy employee and Spider-Man fanatic, Max Dillon (Jamie Foxx), into an electrically-charged monster.

Thus Peter must potentially give up his life to protect Gwen and Aunt May from harm.

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 fleshes out the back story of the Parkers and their involvement in secret experiments.

Peter and Gwen's turbulent romance is the cornerstone and the film soars – rather like the titular hero – whenever they are together.

JUST as Simon Cowell knows his music and *Bake Off* judge Paul Hollywood knows his cakes, so award-winning gardening legend Jim Buttriss knows his onions.

And his melons, aubergines, carrots, radish and runner beans.

The plain-speaking horticulturalist, former Royal gardener and current RHS Britain in Bloom judge is now a judge in BBC2's new six-part series *The Big Allotment Challenge*. He pulls no punches judging harvests produced by contestants on their made-for-TV allotments.

Filmed in a Victorian walled garden on the Mapledurham Estate in Oxfordshire, nine pairs of keen gardeners have spent months planning, planting and nurturing. Given their own greenhouses, they were handed particular vegetables, fruit and flowers to grow, as well as facing a number of additional weekly challenges, including flower arranging and chutney-making, judged by floral arrangement expert Jonathan Moseley and preserves specialist Thane Price.

The series, presented by Fern Britton, was filmed last year from early spring until late summer, when award-winning Buttriss then judged the produce, from blemish-free radishes to perfect sweet peas.

So how harsh was he with this judging? "I was once nicknamed Judge Dread but you don't have to be hard, as long as you're fair and consistent in what you do," he insists. "You don't have to hurt people but you can tell them, 'This ain't good enough'. Just be fair, be honest and give people advice as to why they didn't win or they could have done better."

Much of the advice he gives in this series is about the weather-related problems faced by competitors, because last spring was particularly cold.

"Last year, March and April were awful. Light levels were appalling, we had a lot of cold weather and many people were

Judge Jim on the case



by Hannah Stephenson

'caught cold'. Stuff was put out which wasn't hardy enough. The one thing you'll never beat is nature. Then Mr Pest and Mr Disease comes along. It happens to everybody. They had to find a way around that.

"The most difficult thing is the timing. People who grow stuff in the garden generally don't have a deadline. Each week we set them a task, whether vegetables or flowers, and if they didn't have them ready then they didn't have an exhibit. Luckily they'd grown twice as much as they needed to guarantee they had something."

The subsequent hot weather in summer

helped the growth catch up, but then it required constant watering and some produce needed slowing down.

The second strand of the competition, which is growing flowers, also put up its own problems, Buttriss says.

"Thrill was a menace last year with gladioli. They get the mottling vein. When the judge is looking at the exhibit, whatever it is, it's the overall impression that matters. Is it free of blemish? That includes the root and the leaves and everything else. With the hot weather, stuff started to move much more quickly and required covering and protecting from the direct sun. They had the risk that sweet peas would flower too quickly."

Away from the cameras and looking at other people's gardening, Buttriss is busy with his own efforts – he will be building the Homebase – Time To Reflect garden with designer Adam Frost at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, and he is also helping to produce a display in the pavilion to mark charity Perennial's 175th anniversary.

● *The Big Allotment Challenge* starts on BBC2 on Tuesday, April 15 at 8pm.



puzzles

ACROSS

6. Write about Ives being thoughtful (7)
7. Returned dug-up material (5)
9. Consumed some paté (3)
10. Not the longest part of an aggressive speech (9)
12. Name for ship written about by Gilbert and Sullivan (3,8)
15. Awful moon-starkers? (11)
17. A boxing belt could be the end of a joke (9)
19. Draw the match (3)
21. Intends to have the wherewithal (5)
22. Greed for caviare, perhaps (7)

DOWN

1. Takes around a poet (5)
2. Enquire about a small ruler (3)
3. Claim it's a rave-up (4)
4. Eire's face is altered by a truce (9)

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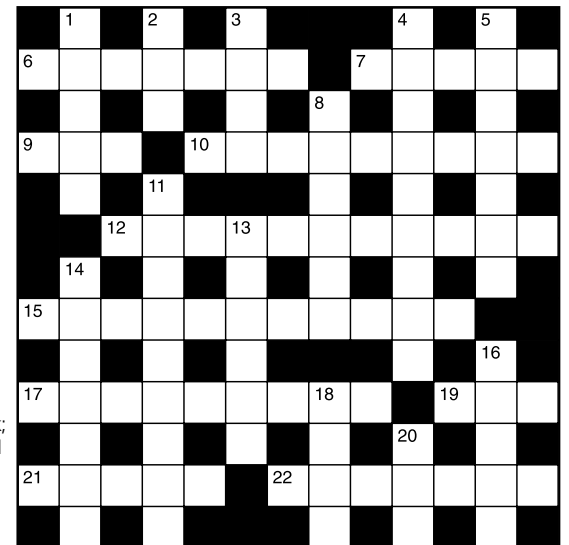
5. The fairytale girl left after the fire (7)
8. Ban miners from a musical (6)
11. People involved in cameras (9)
13. Juries from Naples? (6)
14. Certain animal is unusually rude (7)
16. Field a throw (5)
18. River backing a star (4)
20. Give weapons to a member (3)

Last week's answers: Across: 7 Radiolocation; 8 Diagonal; 9 A bow; 10 Stream; 12 Taking; 14 Primer; 16 Rococo; 18 Icon; 20 Deposits; 22 Rude awakening. Down: 1 Banister; 2 Single; 3 Plan; 4 Sculptor; 5 Attack; 6 So-so; 11 Mark down; 13 Nicotine; 15 Manger; 17 Casing; 19 Coup; 21 Pike.

sudoku

Last week's answer:

8	6	3	1	5	7	2	9	4
9	1	2	3	4	8	5	6	7
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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

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The clues

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the GUIDE

SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts. 12.00pm Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Formula 1 - Chinese Grand Prix: Qualifying Highlights. 2.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The afternoon session on day one at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 FILM: Shrek Forever After (2010). Animated comedy, with the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz.

6.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Pointless Celebrities. Medical-themed edition, featuring Casualty and Holly City stars past and present.

7.50 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz show. 8.40 Casualty. Fletch builds bridges between a father and son.

9.30 The Guess List. With Julian Clary, Melanie C, Larry Lamb, Deborah Meaden and David Haye.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Chelsea v Sunderland; National Lottery Update.

11.50 The Football League Show.

1.10am Weatherview. 1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.10 FILM: Sword of Sherwood Forest (1960). Robin Hood adventure, starring Richard Greene. 7.30 Great British Menu. 10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening session on day one at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. 12.00pm The Great British Bake Off Easter Masterclass. 1.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further coverage of the opening session on day one. 2.30 FILM: Henry VIII and His Six Wives (1972). Historical drama, starring Keith Michell. 4.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The afternoon session on day one at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. 5.45 Easter from King's. A candlelit service from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge.

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The concluding session on the opening day in Sheffield.

8.00 University Challenge: The Story So Far. The history of the student quiz show.

9.00 University Challenge: Champion of Champions.

9.30 Messiah at the Foundling Hospital. The performance of Handel's Messiah at the hospital in 1750.

10.30 Pop Goes BBC2.

12.00am Snooker: The World Championship. 12.50 Snooker: World Championship Extra. 2.50 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Murder, She Wrote. 10.30 Dinner Date. 11.30 ITV News and Weather; Weather. 11.40 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. 12.10pm FILM: Never Say Never Again (1983). James Bond adventure, starring Sean Connery. 2.40 FILM: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002). Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe. 5.35 ITV News Anglia; Weather. 5.45 ITV News and Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! & Famous.

7.00 Britain's Got Talent. The search for a star continues as more auditionees try to win over Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon with their talents.

8.20 Amazing Greys. Contestants take on a former tennis champion and a Mastermind winner.

9.20 Law & Order: UK. A newborn goes missing.

10.15 The Americans. Elizabeth works with Nicaraguan spy Lucia to gain access to a congressman's office.

11.15 ITV News; Weather.

11.30 Through the Keyhole. Catherine Tyldesley and Terry Wogan join Dave Berry on the panel.

12.25am Jackpot247. 3.00 Dinner Date: Australia. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10am The Hoobs. 6.35 Trans World Sport. 7.30 FIM Superbike World Championship. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Frasier. 9.55 The Big Bang Theory. 10.55 How I Met Your Mother. 11.45 The Simpsons. 12.45pm Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. 1.40 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park and Kempton Park. 4.10 Come Dine with Me.

6.45 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Lent Diaries. A man talks about the sermons he gives in Europe.

7.05 Grand Designs. A project to build a bespoke metal home next to an airfield runway.

8.05 Hostages. The first lady sees through Ellen's deception. Last in the series.

9.00 FILM: Taken (2008). A former CIA agent puts his old skills to use in rescuing his daughter from a gang of European sex traffickers.

10.50 FILM: The Stone Roses: Made of Stone (2013). Premiere. Documentary about the band's 2012 reunion concert.

12.50am FILM: Trainspotting (1996). Drama, starring Ewan McGregor. 2.25 Hollyoaks. 4.30 SuperScrimpers' Challenge. 5.25 River Cottage Bites. 5.40 Goodwood 72nd Members' Meeting.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Access. 10.05 The Dog Rescuers. 10.40 Beware! Cowboy Builders Abroad. 11.40 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. 12.40pm FILM: Murder at the Gallop (1963). Mystery, starring Margaret Rutherford. 2.20 FILM: Barabbas (1961). Drama, starring Anthony Quinn. 5.00 FILM: Columbo: Ashes to Ashes (1998). Detective drama, starring Peter Falk.

6.40 Longmire. Walt fears drug producers are about to start a turf war in the region when a fisherman finds the bodies of a dealer and a hitman for a Mexican cartel in a remote creek.

7.30 NCIS. Gibbs and his team investigate the bizarre deaths of a marine and two of his friends, while Ziva tries to rejoin the NCIS.

9.20 5 News Weekend.

9.25 Britain's Favourite Detectives. A countdown of the nation's favourite crime solvers as voted for by Channel 5 viewers, including Miss Marple, Hercule Poirot, Lt Columbo, Sherlock Holmes and Morse.

12.15am SuperCasino. 3.15 Classic Car Rescue. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.05 Roary the Racing Car. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.35 Roary the Racing Car.



Pop Goes BBC Two, Saturday, BBC2, 10.30pm



The Guess List, Saturday, BBC1, 9.30pm



Fargo, Sunday, Channel 4, 9pm



Endeavour, Sunday, ITV, 8pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 8.35 Match of the Day. 10.00 Easter Worship from Leicester. 11.00 Urbi et Orbi. 11.35 Flog It! 12.15pm MOTD2 Extra. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. 2.00 More Creatures Great and Small. 2.30 Formula 1 - Chinese Grand Prix Highlights. 4.30 Charley Hull - Teenage Tigress. 5.00 Lifetime. 5.10 Songs of Praise. 5.45 Pointless Celebrities.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. A visit to the Isles of Scilly, where Ellie Harrison found out about a rat problem and Matt Baker visits a duck farm. Also, Tom Heap looks at the dangers involved in farming.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Items on show at Polesden Lacey in Surrey.

9.00 The Crimson Field. Thomas falls victim to a bullying major.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Norwich City v Liverpool, Hull City v Arsenal and Everton v Manchester United.

11.35 Live at the Apollo. With Kevin Bridges, Phil Jupitus and Sara Pascoe.

12.20am Weatherview. 12.25 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.30 Countryfile. 7.30 Gardeners' World. 8.00 The Beechgrove Garden. 8.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening session on day two at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. 12.15pm FILM: Custer of the West (1967). Historical biopic, starring Robert Shaw. 2.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The second session on the second day at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.

6.00 Davis v Taylor: The '85 Black Ball Final. A look back at the 1985 World Snooker Championship final.

7.00 Morecambe & Wise in Pieces: Leading Men. Male stars who appeared on the comedy duo's shows.

8.00 50 Golden Years of Sport on BBC2. A look back at the history of sport on the channel.

9.00 All About Two. Quiz celebrating 50 years of BBC2, hosted by Dara O Briain.

10.40 The Making of QI. An insight into the production of the popular comedy quiz show.

11.40 Snooker: The World Championship.

12.30am Snooker: World Championship Extra. 2.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. 3.25 Sign Zone: Holby City. 4.25 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Dickinson's Real Deal. 10.30 FILM: Columbo Goes to College (1991). Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. 12.30pm ITV News and Weather; Weather. 12.40 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. 1.10 The Unforgettable Yootha Joyce. 1.40 Big Star's Little Star. 2.40 Britain's Got Talent. 3.55 FILM: A View to a Kill (1985). James Bond adventure, starring Roger Moore.

6.20 ITV News Anglia; Weather.

6.30 ITV News and Weather.

6.45 Catchphrase.

7.30 Off Their Rockers. Velma gets racy in a photo booth.

8.00 Endeavour. Morse investigates the case of a boy from a broken home who has been reported missing, as the body of a journalist is found in mysterious circumstances. Last in the series.

10.00 Perspectives: The Magic of Houdini with Alan Davies. New series. The Jonathan Creek star explores the escapologist's life and work.

11.00 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the 20th round of fixtures in the English top flight.

12.15am The Store. 2.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.

CHANNEL 4

6.05am FILM: Hoot (2006). Adventure, with Luke Wilson. 7.40 FILM: Lassie (2005). Adventure, with Peter O'Toole. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30pm Secret Eaters. 1.35 The Big Bang Theory. 2.35 How I Met Your Mother. 3.30 The Simpsons. 4.30 Deal or No Deal. 5.35 Channel 4 News.

6.05 Lent Diaries.

6.10 FILM: Hop (2011). Part-animated comedy, starring James Marsden.

8.00 For the Love of Cars. New series. Life on Mars star Philip Glenister and renowned car designer Ant Anstead scour barns and lock-ups across the nation on a mission to restore six classic British motors.

9.00 Fargo. New series. Adaptation of the Coen brothers' film. An encounter with a manipulative drifter sets a salesman on a path of destruction. Starring Martin Freeman.

10.30 FILM: Heat (1995). A detective becomes obsessed with capturing a highly intelligent career criminal who is planning one last robbery before his retirement. Thriller, with Al Pacino and Robert De Niro.

1.35am The Good Wife. 2.20 The Hotel. 3.15 Secret Removers. 4.10 SuperScrimpers' Challenge. 5.05 Deal or No Deal.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 9.55 Power Rangers Super Samurai. 10.30 Power Rangers Megaforce. 11.05 Access. 11.15 The Dog Rescuers. 11.45 FILM: Eragon (2006). Fantasy adventure, starring Ed Speleers. 1.40pm FILM: Spider-Man 3 (2007). Superhero sequel, with Tobey Maguire. 4.20 The Sound of Music Live!

7.00 5 News Weekend.

7.05 FILM: The Forbidden Kingdom (2008). Premiere. A teenager is sent back in time to ancient China where he takes on a quest with the aid of two legendary warriors. Martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li and Jackie Chan. Edited for violence and language.

9.00 FILM: Act of Valor (2012). A team of elite Navy personnel uncovers a terrorist plot while on a mission to rescue a captive CIA agent. Military adventure, with Alex Veadov and Roselyn Sanchez.

10.50 FILM: Punisher: War Zone (2008). Comic-book thriller, starring Ray Stevenson.

12.55am SuperCasino. 3.05 Britain's Crime Capitals. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.20 Make It Big. 4.45 The Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.05 Roary the Racing Car. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.35 Roary the Racing Car.

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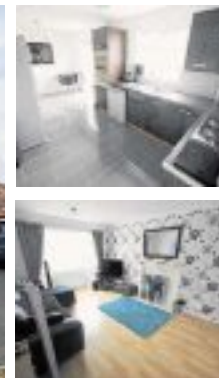
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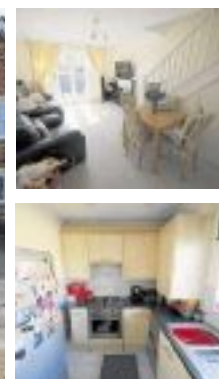
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A superbly presented, deceptively spacious modern terraced home over 3 floors situated in a cul-de-sac location with accommodation comprising entrance hall, kitchen, cloakroom, lounge/dining room, bathroom, enclosed garden and 2 parking spaces. EPR TBC.

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NEW

Littleport **£179,950**

An established semi detached house close to the centre of this popular Fenland town with entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, family / garden room, kitchen / breakfast room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, single garage, parking and gardens. EPR TBC.



NEW

Ely **£205,000**

Situated in a highly regarded City location, this 2 bedroom terraced home is well located allowing easy access to the many City amenities and mainline railway station. Accommodation briefly comprises lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and mature garden. EPR TBC.



NEW

Little Downham **£158,950**

Situated on a small modern development built by Freshwater Homes, this stylish house offers accommodation comprising entrance hallway, kitchen/dining room, cloakroom, lounge, 2 bedrooms and bathroom, together with cartlodge parking and small courtyard garden. EPR B.



Soham **Offers Over £400,000**

A superb equestrian property consisting of an extremely well presented 3 bedroom detached bungalow with approx 3.5 acres of land (sts) including paddocks, all weather dressage manège, stables, office/feed room, tack room/store, open fronted barn & yard area. All easily accessible from the main



Ely **£289,950**

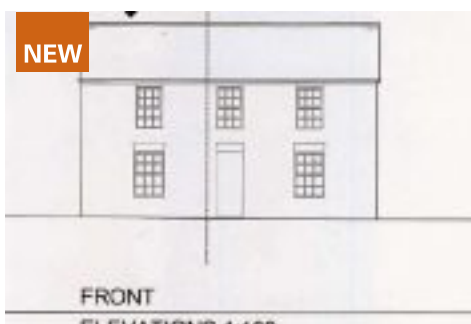
Extended semi detached house in a non estate location dating back to approximately 1900s offering versatile accommodation over 3 floors including 3/4 bedrooms, master with ensuite, lounge/dining room, first floor bedroom/lounge, conservatory, garage, parking & studio/workshop. EPR D.



NEW

Stretham **£207,000**

A well presented semi detached property in this well regarded village of Stretham. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge / dining room, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed garden backing onto farmland. EPR D.



NEW

Sutton **£185,000**

Summary An extended, semi-detached house which has been modernised and refurbished throughout. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen / breakfast room, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom. EPR TBC.



NEW

Littleport **£186,950**

A well presented semi detached house situated on a modern development with entrance hallway, kitchen/dining room, lounge, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, single garage, driveway and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating & double glazing. EPR TBC.



NEW

Ely **£172,950**

A well presented modern end of terrace home with accommodation that includes entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and enclosed rear garden. EPR C.

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ELY £625 pcm*
Two bedroom first floor flat with allocated parking. EPC B.



ELY £825 pcm*
Three bedroom semi detached townhouse with garage. EPC C.



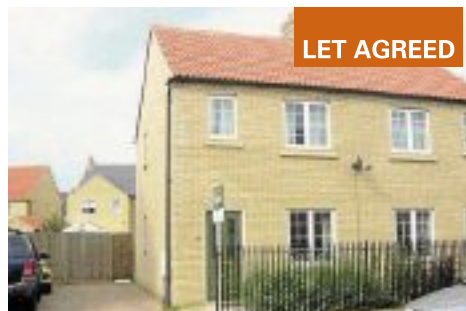
PYMOOR £895 pcm*
Spacious detached four bedroom farmhouse with views across open farmland. EPC F.



WILBURTON £1,250 pcm*
Modern detached four bedroom house with garden, double garage and driveway. EPC D.



ELY LET AGREED
Four bedroom detached house with double garage and gas central heating. EPC D



ELY LET AGREED
Modern two bedroom semi detached house with garden and driveway. EPC C



ELY LET AGREED
Well presented 1 bedroom house close to city centre with garden and parking. EPC:D

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**Ely****£315,000**

- Link Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Bathroom & Two En-Suites
- Downstairs WC
- Garage
- Rear Garden
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EPC C

Ely**£400,000**

- Detached Three Storey Residence
- Six Bedrooms
- Sitting/Dining Room
- Family Bathroom with Spa Bath

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Wilburton

- Cloakroom
- Sitting Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen

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- Conservatory
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking



EPC D

Stonea**£325,000**

- Modern Detached Family Home
- Three/Five Bedrooms
- One/Three Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom & Two En-Suites

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Chatteris

- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom & En-Suite

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**£210,000**

- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Call Branch for Details



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EPC D

Little Downham

- Desirable Location
- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Sitting Room & Kitchen

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- South Facing Garden
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- Garage
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Padnal**£135,000**

- Executive Park Home
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- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Two Reception Rooms

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Chatteris

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge & Cloakroom.

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**Offers Over £140,000**

- Detached Garage/Workshop
- Off Road Parking
- Extensive Rear Garden
- Brick Outbuildings



EPC F

Chatteris**£90,000**

- Modern One Bedroom Maisonette
- Grade II Listed Building
- Open Plan Kitchen/Sitting Room
- Three Piece Bathroom Suite

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EPC E

Manea**£80,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Sitting Room

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Chatteris**Offers Over £60,000**

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- Plans for Three Bedroom House (STP)
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- Non Estate Location

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EPC B

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Guide Price
Price Matters
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EPC E

Yet again, top marketing has achieved a top price.

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Guide Price
£575,000 - £600,000
Haddenham
Step Back in Time
EPC F

Dating back to the 1600s, this Grade II Listed Cottage has had a number of uses over the years and oozes charm and character both inside and out. You will step back in time as you meander from room to room, with almost every room having a feature fireplace! Set in a 'U' shape, there is lots of versatility within. Ref: 8573

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Don't Touch A Thing-Perfect The Way It Is
Mepal
£140,000
EPC D

Deceptively spacious and beautifully presented this is a wonderful opportunity to buy a lovely two bedroom cottage in the village of Mepal. The property is situated close to the primary school and the village shop/post office and really does deserve your immediate attention. If DIY is NOT your thing and you want to just buy a sofa and move in, this is the property for you. Ref: 8859

This could be for you!



Guide Price
£450,000 - £475,000
Ely
Country Cottage In The Heart Of The City
EPC E

Individual cottage set in the heart of Ely City Centre close to the prestigious Kings School and the entrance to Cherry Hill Park. The buyer of this attractive 18th Century dwelling will have an eye for the unusual. Ref: 8860

Don't miss this!



Guide Price
Lifestyle In A High Style
Prickwillow
£340,000 - £350,000
EPC C

Prepare to be wowed as you step into this magnificent light and spacious four bedroom detached family home, designed by our seller. Could this be your dream home? Ref: 8724
Unique opportunity-call today!



Guide Price
Fantastic Find
Littleport
£130,000 - £140,000
EPC E

Deceptively spacious throughout, three bedroom semi detached character property. Ref: 8359
Full of charm and character!



Guide Price
Room with a view!
Ely
£135,000 - £140,000
EPC E

A lovely two bedroom top floor apartment boasting its own loft storage space and allocated parking for two cars. Ref: 8783
Don't miss this!



Guide Price
Far From the Ordinary
Soham
£340,000 - £350,000
EPC D

Designed by our seller, this attractive four bedroom detached property has lots of off road parking, plus a double garage. Ref: 8677
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Warmth and Charm
Sutton Road
£165,000
EPC G
Charming two bedroom semi detached cottage is full of what you would expect having unexposed brick open fireplace, fields to one side, fully enclosed garden and parking. Ref: 8602 Is this your dream home?



A Rare Opportunity
Southery
£199,950
EPC E
Four bedroom detached bungalow really must be viewed to fully appreciate the space on offer. Having lounge, open plan kitchen / diner, en-suite to master, garage, car port and field views to front! Ref: 8760 View to appreciate all on offer!



Guide Price
£145,000 - £155,000
Tower Road
Perfectly Located
EPC D

Set within the grounds of the old workhouse this ground floor two bedroom apartment is centrally located for the amenities on offer within Ely City and has allocated parking and modern day open plan living. An ideal investment or first time buy, the apartment is deceptively spacious and has modern kitchen opening into the lounge/dining area. Two good size bedrooms and bathroom complete the accommodation. Ref: 8725

Ideal investment or first time buy!



Guide Price
£230,000 - £240,000
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£235,000
EPC C

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Guide Price
£230,000 - £240,000
No Compromise On Bedroom Space Here!
Soham
EPC C

Exceptional bedroom space was high on my sellers wish list when they were looking for a home and this four bedroom end of terraced town house fitted the bill perfectly! Ref: 8739 Ideal family home



Guide Price
£270,000 - £280,000
Seller Pays Stamp Duty
Mepal

Individual four bedroom detached family home built by our sellers approx two years ago. Deceptively spacious and set on a good size plot. Ref: 8510 Dial now to book your viewing!



Guide Price
£220,000 - £230,000
Quality, Comfort, Convenience
Littleport
EPC C

Prepare to be wowed by the quality and presentation within this versatile four bedroom semi detached town house. Ref: 8824 Book your viewing today!



Guide Price
£290,000 - £300,000
Prickwillow
Peace And Quiet
EPC C

Individually designed three bedroom detached family home set close to the River Lark. Ideal for fishing, walking and bird watching. The hub of the home for our sellers is most definitely the kitchen/diner which could also be adapted to incorporate a family area. This property offers spacious accommodation upstairs and down! Ref: 8835

Unique opportunity!



Guide Price
£60,000 - £70,000
Going, Going, Gone!
Soham
EPC G

Another quick sale, leaving our seller delighted.

Is "buy to let" for you?



Guide Price
£175,000 - £185,000
Are You Ready?
Littleport
EPC C

Do you have a property like this? Give us a call!

Another great result!



Guide Price
£155,000 - £165,000
Is This The Time To Move?
Littleport
EPC E

If you're looking to sell, why not give us a call?

We could get your moving!



Guide Price
£130,000 - £140,000
Let's Get You Moving
Littleport
EPC D

A great result for our sellers-we could do the same for you! Ref: 8813 Call today for a valuation!



Residential Sales

SOHAM O/A £260,000



NEW

A spacious, 3 bedroom detached bungalow situated on a mature generous plot with beautiful gardens located just a short walk from the Town centre. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Double Bedrooms, Shower Room, Double Glazing, Large Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Ample Off Road Parking. No Upward Chain.



ELY O/A £209,950



NEW

A modern, 3 bedroom, mid terraced house offering well presented accommodation situated in the catchment area for the Lantern School. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, 2 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Landscaped Rear Garden, Garage, Off Road Parking. No Upward Chain EPC - 78(C)



MEPAL O/A £185,000



NEW

A recently renovated, superbly presented, extended 2/3 bedroom semi detached bungalow with gardens and detached garage which lies in an appealing cul de sac setting in this small sought after village location. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Living Room, Study/Bedroom Two, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage and Ample Off Road Parking. No Upward Chain



WITCHFORD O/A £169,950



A spacious, 3 bedroom, end of terrace property in a courtyard style cul de sac setting with garage. EPC - 67(D)

ELY O/A £299,950



NEW

A rare opportunity to purchase a late 1920's/early 1930's bungalow which lies on a large corner plot with gardens extending to 4 sides. EPC - 34(F)

LITTLEPORT O/A £495,000



A substantial detached residence with self contained annexe and planning consent for holiday cottage situated in this well served village. No Upward Chain. EPC - 70(C)

PRICKWILLOW O/A £139,950



An established 3 bedroom semi detached house situated in this small quiet hamlet approximately 3 miles from Ely. No Upward Chain. EPC - 28(F)

SUTTON O/A £325,000



A new, 5 bedroom, detached home offering substantial accommodation with spectacular countryside views to the rear and secure gated parking. No Upward Chain

LAKENHEATH Price £450,000



A rare opportunity to acquire 5 bedroom detached farmhouse with a large range of outbuildings, garage and secure parking set in approx. 0.75 of an acre. EPC - 35(F)

SUTTON O/A £330,000



A substantial, beautifully presented, Victorian detached residence with double garage lying in the heart of this popular well served village location. EPC - 51(E)

WITCHFORD O/A £299,950



An exceptional, well presented, 4 bedroom detached family home situated in a popular development in the centre of the Village. EPC - 73(C)

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ELY O/A £174,950



A well presented, 2 bedroom, end of terrace property ideally suited for a first time or investment buyer situated in a highly sought after mature development. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, Conservatory, 2 Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking.



ELY O/A £365,000



A superbly located, impressive 3 storey period style townhouse which lies within a highly regarded small mews style development close to the Marina and River Great Ouse yet only a few hundred yards from the mainline Railway Station. Ent Hall, Shower Room, Study/Bedroom, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility Room, 4 Further Beds (1 En-Suite Shower Room), Bathroom, GCH, Courtyard Style Rear Garden, Garage. No Upward Chain. EPC - 81(B).



LITTLEPORT O/A £149,950



A recently renovated 3 bedroom semi detached family home with excellent views over the green and conveniently positioned for easy access to local schooling and the village amenities. Reception Hall, Shower Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Study/Playroom, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom Separate WC, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Large Rear Garden. No Upward Chain



LITTLEPORT £995 pcm*



A four bedroom detached house situated in a secluded cul de sac close to the River. Entrance Lobby, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Dual Aspect Sitting Room, Family Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En-Suite Bathroom, 3 Further Bedrooms, Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Double Garage, Secluded Enclosed Rear Garden. EPC 66- D

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LITTLE THETFORD £775 pcm



A detached house with three good sized bedrooms situated in a quiet residential area only a short drive from Ely EPC - 58(D)

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ELY £695 pcm



A well presented modern semi detached 2 bedroom property on a sought after residential development. EPC - 76(C)

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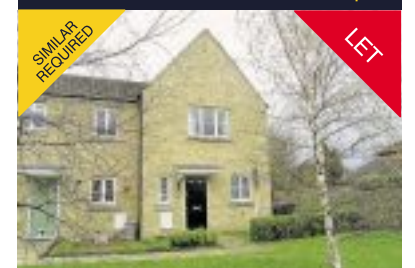
SOHAM £650 pcm



A two bedroom, second floor apartment with a balcony and views across a pond and open countryside beyond

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Soham £264,950



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Soham £154,950



Semi detached house offering two bedrooms, lounge/dining room, kitchen and bathroom with off road parking and enclosed rear garden. Viewing is strongly recommended. *No onward chain* EPC Rating B/A

Soham £450



First floor flat with accommodation comprising living/kitchen area, bedroom and bathroom. EPC Rating G. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Littleport £1,500



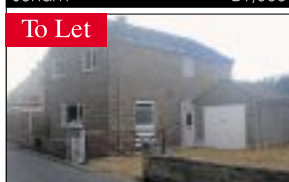
Detached house with three reception rooms, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, four bedrooms, two en-suites, shower room and bathroom. Available now. EPC Rating C. *Tenancy application fees are applicable from £200 plus VAT.*

Soham £900



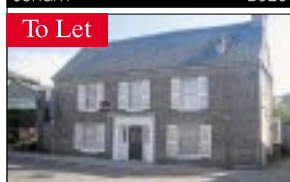
Newly built semi detached house with accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms with en-suite to master and bathroom. EPC rating C. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £1,300



Four bedroom detached property, recently refurbished with two reception rooms, kitchen and utility, enclosed rear garden and garage. Available immediately. EPC rating D. *Tenancy application fees apply from £200*

Soham £525



Ground floor flat with accommodation comprising hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and shower room. EPC Rating G. *Tenancy application fees are applicable from £200 plus VAT.*



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SOHAM £500 pcm



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LITTLEPORT £450 pcm



EPC Band D. One bedroom purpose built ground floor flat, hall, lounge, kitchen, wetroom style bathroom, small garden and parking.

Sutton £600 pcm



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EPC Band E. One bedroom second floor flat in the centre of Ely. Lounge, kitchen, bathroom. City centre location with views over Ely cathedral. No parking

SOHAM £800 pcm



EPC Band D. Three bedroom semi-detached, lounge, kitchen/dining area, utility room with toilet, family bathroom with double shower and separate bath, courtyard, garage.

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£134,995

CHATTERIS

Kavanagh Hayes are delighted to present this four bedroom, period detached cottage. The cottage dates back to the 1840s and has been thoroughly renovated over the years. The cottage has spacious living accommodation, gardens and off-road parking. EPC - D
£210,000

CHATTERIS

A 3 bedroom, semi-detached family home in a popular location close to all local amenities. The property comprises: entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge/diner, recently fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear and allocated parking. EPC - D
£129,995

CHATTERIS

An excellent opportunity to purchase a plot of land with planning permission for the demolition of the existing house, bungalow and outbuildings and the erection of 5 detached houses. Fenland Planning reference F/YR11/0186/EXTIME.
£350,000

CHATTERIS

Kavanagh Hayes are delighted to present this 4/5 bedroom detached house situated on the outskirts of Chatteris. The house has been extended and modernised and is situated in large well-maintained gardens with an outdoor heated swimming pool. No Upward Chain. EPC - F
£450,000

CHATTERIS

Kavanagh Hayes are pleased to present this semi-detached house, situated in the town of Chatteris, close to the Secondary School and local amenities. The property benefits from being sold with a self contained annex. NO UPWARD CHAIN
£150,000

CHATTERIS

Plot of land for sale complete with outline planning permission for the erection of a three bedroom detached house. The plot measures 21'9" (6.62m) x 98'2" (29.92m). The plot is in a great location, close to the Town Centre, ideally situated for road links to Huntingdon and Cambridge.
£65,000

CHATTERIS

A two bedroom link detached bungalow for sale in a popular cul-de-sac location, close to the Town Centre. The bungalow comprises: lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms and a bathroom. The bungalow benefits from double glazing, gas central heating and off-road parking. EPC - D
£169,995

CHATTERIS

Kavanagh Hayes are delighted to present this 3 bedroom, link detached bungalow, situated in Chatteris. The property comprises: three double bedrooms, gas fired central heating, lounge, dining room, large rear garden, parking and single garage. EPC - D
£199,995

RAMSEY

The perfect investment opportunity! A one bedroom flat with spacious kitchen/diner, living room, bathroom and shower room. The flat is leasehold and benefits from being sold with No Upward Chain. EPC - C
£69,995

CHATTERIS

A perfect opportunity to purchase an investment property with a tenant in situ. The property is situated close to the Town Centre and close to all local amenities. The property comprises: lounge/diner, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. EPC - C
£118,000

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Littleport **£800 pcm**

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Cambridge **£1,150 pcm**

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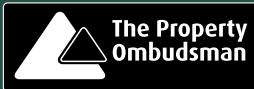
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LITTLEPORT



£129,950

- Modern end terrace house
- 2 bedrooms
- Kitchen/dining room
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
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- Early possession available

SUTTON,

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- 3 bedrooms
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- No onward chain

LITTLE DOWNHAM £425,000



- Individual detached chalet
- Open rear views to Ely
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- 3 bedrooms
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LITTLEPORT



£275,000

- 2 Individual detached house
- Non estate location
- Small cul-de-sac
- Open plan kitchen/dining area
- Lounge
- 4 bedrooms
- Family bathroom and en-suite
- Predicted EPC rating B

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£189,950



- Smart semi-detached house
- 2 double bedrooms
- En-suite and bathroom
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Allocated parking
- Good size plot
- EPC Rating C

LITTLEPORT £565,000



- Substantial individual home
- Designed and built in 2002
- 4/5 Bedrooms
- Garden Room
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- EPC Rating C

HADDENHAM



£259,950

- Established detached house
- Non estate position
- Corner plot location
- 4 bedrooms
- 2 reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Double garage
- Scope for extending subject to planning

MARCH

£385,000



- Stunningly presented townhouse
- Updated and improved
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- Smart family bathroom
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- EPC Rating C

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An attractive three bedroom modern home occupying a pleasant position within this popular development.

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An immaculately presented four bedroom family home set within the Lantern School catchment area.

4 bedrooms, bedrooms 1 and 2 with en suite, family bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, conservatory, tandem garage, off-road parking and rear garden. EPC rating: D

£299,950



SOHAM

A beautifully presented three bedroom modern home well situated on this popular residential development.

3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, cloakroom, kitchen, off-road parking, double glazing and gas central heating. EPC rating: B

£179,995



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A rather special and totally unique apartment occupying the top two floors of this impressive Grade II listed building, with views of Ely Cathedral.

2 double bedrooms, en suite shower room, study, superb living room, bathroom, kitchen, charming features and beautifully presented. EPC rating: C

£274,950



SOHAM

An ideal opportunity to acquire this apartment in the town of Soham. The property has a tenant in place creating an ideal investment for any buy-to-let purchaser.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, open plan kitchen, lounge/dining room and allocated parking space. EPC rating: D

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£249,950



NEW

STRETHAM

A beautifully presented detached family home, superbly appointed with stylish fittings and decoration creating an outstanding residence of great character and individuality.

4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, luxury bathroom, reception hall, dining area, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, sitting room, home cinema room, oil central heating, DG, driveway, detached double garage, garden. EPC rating: C

£495,000



NEW

ELY

A well presented three bedroom semi detached town house on a popular development overlooking the 'Stour Green'.

3 bedrooms, master en suite shower room, family bathroom, kitchen/dining room, family room/study, lounge, cloakroom, tandem garage, driveway parking, front and rear garden. EPC rating: C

£249,950



NEW

ELY

A modern two bedroom semi detached house with private parking, ideally situated in Ely's city centre.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, entrance hall, rear garden and two off-road parking spaces. No upward chain. EPC rating: C

£239,950



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HADDENHAM

A beautifully presented semi detached home recently improved and enlarged to now provide spacious four bedroom accommodation.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, entrance hall, sitting/dining room, kitchen, utility room, oil central heating, double glazing, driveway and rear garden. EPC rating: TBC

£275,000



SOHAM

A well presented three bedroom end of terrace town house on the popular 'Kingfisher Drive' development.

3 bedrooms, en suite, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/dining room, family bathroom, utility, cloakroom, integral garage, off-road parking and rear garden. EPC rating: C

£194,950



PYMOOR

A unique detached family home providing versatile six bedroom accommodation set within a generous 1/3 acre plot (STS).

6 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, study, cloakroom, utility, oil fired central heating, double glazing, driveway and gardens. EPC rating: D

£450,000



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A stylish and well presented 4/5 bedroom link detached family home offering versatile accommodation with the potential for a separate annexe.

4/5 bedrooms, 2 en suite shower rooms, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility area, garage, off-road parking. No upward chain. EPC rating: B

£395,000



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A modern terraced town house situated in the popular development of Alexander Chase.

This neutrally decorated property comprises of fully fitted kitchen, lounge, master bedroom with a triple built in wardrobe and ensuite, three further bedrooms and bathroom. Enclosed rear garden. Two allocated parking spaces. Gas central heating. EPC rating: C.

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A one bedroom fully furnished flat located in the village of Wilburton. Total cost of rental £625pcm, including all bills and Wifi access. Open plan living area with fully fitted kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. Oil central heating. Parking. Shed/bike store. EPC rating: B.

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LITTLEPORT

£850 PCM*

A well presented five bedroom townhouse on the popular Highfield Drive development. Fully fitted kitchen, dining room, lounge, five bedrooms and two bathrooms. Gas Central heating. Rear garden. Allocated parking. EPC rating: B.

NEW PRICE



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£650 PCM*

A well presented two bedroom end terrace house situated in a quiet residential area. Lounge/diner, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Rear garden. Garage and driveway. Gas central heating. EPC rating: C.



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£425 PCM*

A one bedroom split level flat over two floors, ideally located in the City Centre. Lounge/kitchenette, double bedroom and shower room. Electric storage heating. EPC rating: F.

NEW PRICE



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£775 PCM*

A spacious and well presented two bedroom semi detached house in a quiet cul-de-sac to the South West of the City Centre.

The property comprises of lounge/dining room, kitchen, utility room, WC, two double bedrooms with built in wardrobes and bathroom with shower over bath. Gas central heating. Front and rear gardens. Garage and driveway. EPC rating: C.



NEW



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£695 PCM*

A spacious two bedroom semi detached property located in a quiet cul-de-sac to the West of Ely within easy access of Ely Community College.

The property comprises of lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, WC, conservatory, bedroom 1 with built-in wardrobes, bedroom 2 and bathroom with shower over bath. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden with storage shed. Allocated parking space. EPC rating: D.



SOHAM

£625 PCM*

A three bedroom semi-detached property with enclosed rear garden over looking Qua Fen Common.

The property comprises of kitchen, utility area, dining room, lounge with decorative fireplace, ground floor bathroom, three bedrooms, WC and airing cupboard. Rear enclosed garden. Parking and large storage shed. Gas central heating. EPC rating: E.



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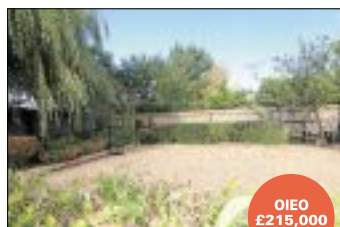
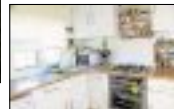
Soham

A detached property which offers study, lounge/dining room, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, conservatory, 4 double bedrooms, bathroom, double garage, parking and gardens. CHAIN FREE. EPC D



Waterbeach

Park Home. Offering lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms, dining room/study, shower room, gardens and parking. CHAIN FREE. EPC Exempt



Soham

The property has far reaching views to front, also offering lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, conservatory, bathroom, two bedrooms, garage and gardens. EPC G



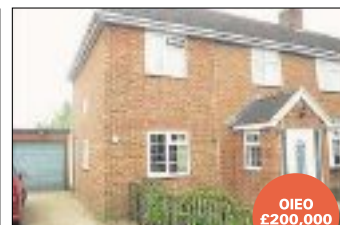
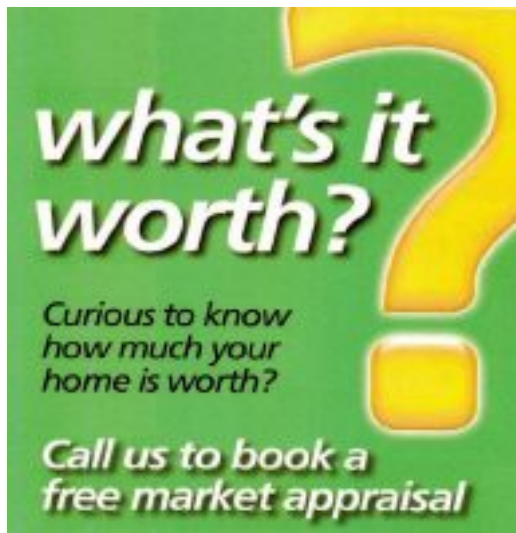
Soham

Early viewing is advised for this three bedroom Grade II Listed period property. It offers lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs cloakroom and en-suite to master bedroom. Also benefiting from enclosed rear garden and outbuildings. EPC E



Isleham

Under construction by local builder. A detached house built to a high spec offering lounge, open plan kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, 2 en-suites, bathroom, garage with utility area, gardens and parking. EPC Exempt



Prickwillow

This four bedroom semi detached home benefits from corner plot with gardens to front, rear & side as well as garage & ample off road parking. Call today for your viewing. EPC D



Mepal

A delightful detached cottage circa 1862, located on the edge of Mepal. The cottage offers a lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility area, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom and superb gardens. CHAIN FREE. EPC G



Isleham

A delightful detached cottage offering lounge/diner, kitchen, bathrooms, two bedrooms and a fully enclosed garden. EPC F



Ely

A delightful detached bungalow which offers a lounge, dining room, three bedrooms, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, garage and gardens.



Little Downham

£575,000

This superb 3 storey house offers lounge, kitchen, dining and garden room, utility, study, cloakroom, master bedroom with en-suite and dressing room, 3 further bedrooms with additional en-suite. EPC D



Soham

A delightful cottage located in the popular village of Soham. The property boasts a lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two double bedrooms, fully enclosed rear garden. CHAIN FREE



Ely

A semi detached house located in the city of Ely. The property offers a lounge/diner, kitchen, cloakroom, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and parking. CHAIN FREE.



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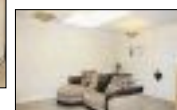
£399,995

A superb 4 bedroom detached property close to Ely centre. The property boast a spacious lounge, dining room, study, family room, kitchen/breakfast room, garden room, bathroom, cloakroom, garage & gardens. EPC F



Soham

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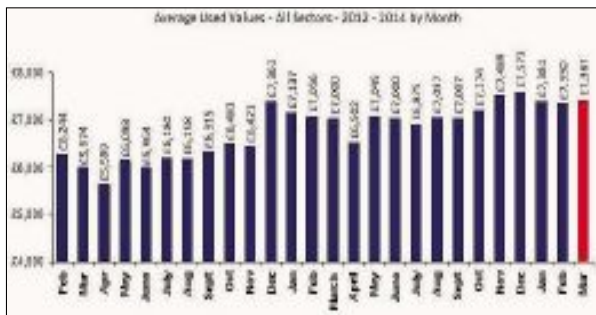
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AS the SMMT reports a 17.7 per cent increase in new 14-plate car sales in March (see story on page 24), leading remarketing business, British Car Auctions (BCA), has released its data for the same month for used cars.

BCA's latest Pulse report shows the average value of a used car increased by £57 to £7,387 in March – the highest monthly value this year and the third highest on record. BCA's data showed that used car values were a head by £387 or 5.5 per cent, year-on-year.

Tim Naylor, editor of BCA's annual Used Car Market Report explained: "Despite volumes remaining significantly higher than we have seen in recent months, demand was very strong across the range of cars on offer at



ON THE UP: The average price of a used car went up by £57 in March

BCA in March.

"In fact, used car sales have been exceptionally buoyant in the first

three months of this year. Much of this must be down to motorists feeling a little more confident as

the economy improves and looking to change their current used car for a newer and possibly more economical model. Even though the economic conditions are improving, research carried out by BCA in January shows that the cost of fuel remains top of the list of concerns for motorists, so fuel economy is very important."

He continued: "But as Easter approaches, we expect to see some downward pressure on average values and the market is already showing early signs of softening. People tend to turn their attention to paying for the summer holiday once Easter has been and gone, and plans for changing the family car often get postponed until the early autumn."



ACE: Alfa Romeo Giulietta past and present Giulietta's 60th offer

CHECK this out for inflation: to celebrate 60 years since the launch of the original Giulietta, Alfa Romeo is offering a finance deposit contribution equivalent to the outright purchase price of the original car.

The stunning 1954 Giulietta sold for £1,250, which is precisely what Alfa is offering buyers of the 2014 model if they take out a PCP finance deal and meet a few basic criteria.

What's more, a new £510 Lunar Pearl colour option will be thrown into the bargain for customers taking up the deal in the 60th anniversary celebration window.

The deal, which runs from April 7 to April 22, will also net buyers an entry into a competition to win a value swap. More at alfaromeo.co.uk.



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Model Shown: Civic 1.4 i-VTEC S Manual in Milano Red Non-Metallic at £16,995 On The Road. **Terms and Conditions:** New retail Civic 1.4 i-VTEC S registered from 2 January 2014 to 31 May 2014. Subject to model and colour availability. Offers applicable at participating dealers and are at the promoter's absolute discretion. **Honda Aspirations (PCP):** *£209 per month example shown based on Civic 1.4 i-VTEC S Manual in Milano Red Non-Metallic at £17,495 total cash price including 5 Year Care Plan at £500 (and total amount payable) with 37 months 0% APR Representative (interest rate per annum 0% fixed) with £3,812.69 (22%) deposit, Guaranteed Future Value / Optional Final Payment of £6,158.38, annual mileage of 10,000 and excess mileage charge: 5p per mile. You do not have to pay the Final Payment if you return the car at the end of the agreement and you have paid all other amounts due, the vehicle is in good condition and has been serviced in accordance with the Honda service book and the maximum annual mileage has not been exceeded. Indemnities may be required in certain circumstances. Finance is only available to persons aged 18 or over, subject to status. All figures are correct at time of publication but may be subject to change. Credit provided by Honda Finance Europe Plc. 470 London Road, Slough, Berkshire SL3 8QY. **The 5 Year Care Package includes:** Servicing: All scheduled servicing, as detailed in the vehicles service book, will be covered for 5 years or 62,500 miles, whichever comes first. **Warranty:** In addition to the standard 3 year warranty the customer will receive a complimentary 2 year extended guarantee taking the warranty to 5 years or 90,000 miles, whichever comes first. **Roadside Assist:** In addition to the standard 3 years roadside assistance package the customer will receive complimentary HondaCare Assistance for a further 2 years, taking it to 5 years or 90,000 miles, whichever comes first. **The 5 Year Care Package:** The 5 Year Care Package is optional. It is being offered for £500 including VAT (usual value £1,545 including VAT) and is available to finance or non-finance customers. Please note, should you sell the vehicle during the period of cover, the package remains with the vehicle.

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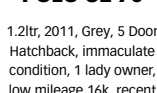


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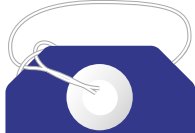
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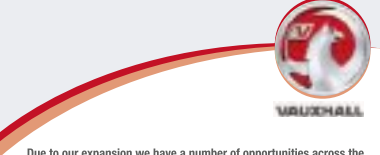
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The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate a new water connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 26 May 2014 and continue until these works have finished or on the 25 November 2014 which ever is the earlier.

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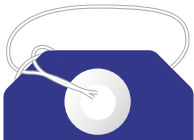
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> Golf



Champions: Paul Searle, of Searles Leisure Group, congratulates Mick Munnelly (centre) and Andrew George (right) on their convincing victory.

Ely duo triumph in East Spring Classic

ANDREW George and Mick Munnelly stormed to a convincing victory in the Searles Leisure Group PGA in England (East) Spring Classic.

Ely City professional George and 16-handicap amateur partner Munnelly recorded a total of 88 stableford points – six more than their closest rivals – after two days of competition at Hunstanton and King's Lynn.

But it was not as straightforward as the result suggests, with Munnelly suffering illness during the tournament.

"Before we started on the first day, Mick said to me that he was not feeling very well and asked if I'd be okay to play the fourball on my own if he was too ill," said George.

"On the first day, we just played so sensi-

bly and thought about every shot. Then at King's Lynn, I thought we had to get to 44 points and after nine holes we had 21.

"So, I said we need to push on and make some birdies, and Mick played out of his skin."

The opening round, staged on the links at Hunstanton, saw George and Munnelly dovetail perfectly under the four-somes format to secure 40 points.

That was good enough to share the lead going into the second day at King's Lynn where their betterball combination netted 48 points.

In particular, they lit up the back nine

with five birdies between them.

Munnelly made a major contribution to the pair's overall points tally with birdies on two par fives and finished by sinking a 25-footer on the final green for a net birdie.

The Ely vice-captain has since started on a course of antibiotics.

It saw them finish comfortably ahead of Waldringfield's Daniel Barton and his four-handicap partner James Tyler, who tied for second place alongside Stuart Brown, of Orton Meadows, and his seven-handicap partner Edward Peggs.

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> Table tennis

Haddenham increase the pressure on the Imps at summit

HADDENHAM I now sit just one point behind Impington I at the top of the Ely & District League, Division One table after a convincing win over Soham Comrades II.

They also still have two games in hand, while their win sealed the Soham club's relegation to Division Two for next season, along with Fulbourn II.

Meanwhile, Soham Comrades I hosted Elsworth I with both sides seeking a good win to ease themselves away from the lower reaches.

However, the spoils were shared as the match ended all square at 5-5 and that was good enough for both sides due to the margin of Haddenham's win over Comrades II.

Elsworth's Roger Fensom was the man of the match as he registered three wins,

and he was supported by Joe Thorogood and Peter Goatly.

For Comrades, Nathan Stewart and Mark Lillyman scored two each and then combined to take the doubles against Fensom and Goatly.

In Division Three, Soham Comrades V secured the runners-up spot behind Ely IV by beating Fulbourn VIII 6-4.

Fulbourn's Rob Powell went two up against Martin Logan but lost the next three 11-9.

Carl Woolf overcame Mark Sulman and Mick Foreman, but Powell was again beaten in five, this time by Sulman.

With Duncan Gates unable to find his form, Comrades pressed on with two more wins from Logan.

Powell was able to give the Fulbourn

score a measure of respectability by beating Foreman.

But the doubles went to five with Powell and Woolf keeping Sulman and Logan at bay.

Ely IV are therefore the champions, completing the season unbeaten.

There was a change of fortune for Fulbourn IV as they beat Ely III 5-1 in the semi-final of the Handicap Cup.

Howard Leek and David Leek each won two, backed up by one success from Tim Leek, while the highlight of the evening was the big-hitting contest between David Leek and Pedro Rocha.

And in the last four of the Handicap Plate, Philip Hague won two from two for Fulbourn V as they saw off Ellesmere I to qualify for the final.

> Taekwondo



Sparring star: David Earlam with members of the Mark Farnham Schools of Taekwondo.

International medal for black belt Earlam

DAVID Earlam finished in an impressive second place at the Taekwondo International European Championships held in Davos, Switzerland.

The fighter, a member of the Ely branch of the Mark Farnham Schools of Taekwondo, competed in the men's black belt sparring category, an event he had been preparing for for months.

The championships, which also featured pattern, team sparring and destruction, had taken place over two days with more than 700 competitors, 100 officials and more than 1,000 spectators.

Instructor Mark Farnham said: "To win any award at this event is a very serious achievement, to be the best in Europe."

> Rugby union

Tigers get the job done, but miss play-off berth

A BONUS-point 29-8 victory at home to Crusaders was not enough for Ely to clinch their place in the play-offs.

Ely needed to secure maximum points to stand a chance of pipping Newmarket to the runners-up spot in Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One.

But although they did that, their fate was already sealed thanks to Newmarket defeating Ipswich YM.

The home side were unable to cross the line early on, but Joel Scott Paul got them up and running with a penalty.

Ten minutes later, Lee Coulson ran through the defence and darted over the line for an unconverted try.

However, Crusaders ensured they were still in the match at

the interval after pushing Ely back with a powerful maul and then bursting over for an unconverted score.

Crusaders briefly took the lead from a penalty when play resumed, but this proved a wake-up call for the home side.

Ely forced their way into the opposition 22 and Charlie Coupland stepped through the defensive line to score under the posts and give Scott Paul a simple conversion.

The next try came when Scott Paul sold a dummy to the full-back and went over, along with converting his own try.

The fourth try to secure the bonus point came on the last play of the match, Lloyd Palmer took a pick and drive from the back of a ruck before sending Mitchell Kennett over to score.

> Youth football

Hitman Huckle scoops a big haul in Mepal win

JOSHUA Huckle plundered four as Mepal Sports beat Willingham Wolves 6-1 in BM Kempton 9v9 Youth League

12C. Finley Slough and Connor Rae-Smith hit one apiece, and Harry Hart got the consolation.

> Dominoes

Littleport and District League Team league table

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Ex Serv C.....	18	14	1	3	202	122
West End A.....	18	11	2	5	188	136
Littleport Bowls.....	19	12	4	3	187	155
Hiams.....	18	10	3	5	183	141
Ely Beet Club.....	18	10	4	4	182	142
Crown.....	18	11	1	6	178	146
The Plough.....	18	6	4	8	158	166
Soham Com.....	18	5	2	11	154	170
Ex Serv D.....	18	5	4	9	140	184
Littleport L.....	17	2	0	15	115	191
West End B.....	18	0	1	17	95	229

	P	W	L	F	A
S Papworth.....	19	12	7	35	22

R Pendle.....	18	13	5	35	19
Paula Howe.....	18	13	5	34	20
R Badcock.....	18	12	6	31	23
A Pettengell.....	18	9	9	27	27
G Yardy.....	18	8	10	25	29
T Pillow.....	18	7	11	24	30
A Rutherford.....	17	5	12	21	30
J Darcy.....	18	4	14	20	34
B Richardson.....	18	3	15	16	38

Results: Beet Club 8 The Plough 10, Hiams 11 Crown 7, West End 8 7 Littleport Bowls Club 11, Ex Serv C 10 West End A 8, Soham Comrades v Leisure Centre (game cancelled, points awarded to Soham, 12-6).



> Bowls

More success for Seymour at national finals

SARAH Seymour completed an impressive double as she beat Janice Gower to clinch the women's singles title at the English Indoor Bowls Championships in Melton Mowbray.

The City of Ely bowler, who won the pairs' crown with Ellen Falkner at the tournament last week, regained the title she first won in 2008 by seeing off the Blackpool New Hall star 21-10 in the final.

Seymour, who skips a rink for England, said: "It's obviously great to have won it again, but I was particularly pleased this year that I defeated four England skips on the way to the title – Ellen in the group, and Wendy King, Penny Strong and Janice in my last three games."

Seymour, who does not play outdoors, is the most prolific title winner in English women's bowls, being the only player to have won all seven national indoor titles – singles, pairs, triples, fours, Champion of Champion singles, mixed pairs and mixed fours.

But she could not clinch an unprecedented clean sweep of the major women's honours this season.

Together with Falkner and Catherine Popple, Seymour was knocked out of the triples by a 19-12 defeat to Swale's Paige Dennis, Sandy Hazell and Wendy King in the quarter-finals, having thrashed Wealden's Shirley Nelson, Ann Spree and Jan Noyes 29-5 in the first round.

The Ely trio had been 13-1 up after just five ends and 19-4 after 10 ends before their opponents conceded six ends later.



More silverware: Sarah Seymour adds the English women's singles title to the pairs she won with City of Ely clubmate Ellen Falkner

> Football: Latest news from Julius Martin Lane and the Unwin Ground

Claydon's brace gives Robins a vital victory

ANDREW Claydon got both goals as Ely registered a priceless 2-1 win over Stanway in their battle against relegation from the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division.

The Robins secured all three points against the visitors, who are also in the bottom seven, to further boost their chances of beating the drop.

"It was a massive win," said Ely manager Brady Stone. "Two of the other teams around us (Wivenhoe and Clacton) won as well, so it was important to get the win and we deserved it."

"Porky Claydon got both goals and he showed some real

experience and class in front of goal. And we defended well and put our bodies on the line when we had to, so it was a good all-round team performance."

"Sometimes you need a bit of luck in football and a few things have gone our way in the box since I took over, and that helps."

"The atmosphere in the dressing room afterwards was fantastic and every game's a cup final now. We'll just keep going and I think we'll be fine."

But Luke Stanley's brace counted for nothing as Soham's Ryman League, North Division play-off hopes were ended by a 3-2 home defeat at the

hands of Thurrock.

The Greens are now 10 points adrift of fifth-placed Needham Market with three games remaining.

Stanley put the hosts ahead just before half time and brought them level 11 minutes from time after their opponents had taken the lead, before the away side got the game's crucial fifth goal.

"It was a little bit disappointing," said Soham manager Steve Fallon. "They've got some good attacking players and we just couldn't stay with them."

"They started the better, but we got on top for the last 20 minutes of the first half. Antonio (Murray)

hit the post and their keeper made a good save from Luke, and then Luke scored a good goal.

"We gave away a poor penalty in the second half and their second goal was from a ball over the top, and we were on the ropes then."

"We got another good goal to equalise, but then conceded another poor goal."

"We weren't good enough defensively, but they're a decent side and that's where we need to get to."

"We're looking at next season now. We know we're not a million miles away, but it's about finding that thing that will make us serious contenders for the season."

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